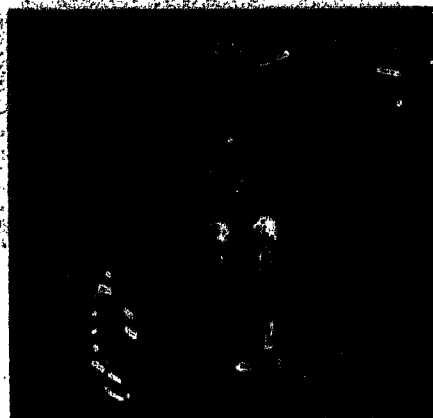


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Memorial service for Sgt. Thornhill is Friday

There will be a memorial service for Senior M/Sgt. James W. Thornhill at Bay High auditorium on Friday at 5 p.m. Thornhill, former JROTC instructor at the school, died April 30 in Ocean Springs.

Teen dance to benefit national karate team

Gulf Coast Shotokan Karate will sponsor a teen dance on Friday, 6:30-10 p.m., at the Hancock Co. Civic Center on Longfellow for all area students in grades 4-8. \$5 each. Pizza and sodas.

Save Our Children to host volleyball tourney

Save Our Children will sponsor a beach volleyball tournament on Saturday at the beach by Washington St. Pier. Registration is 2:30-3:30 p.m. Games are 4-7 p.m. There will also be a dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Valena C. Jones Gym in Bay St. Louis.

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THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICES



A construction crew works at the Hayden Ave. side of the new Wal-Mart project facing the beach in Pass Christian.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Pass residents worry that Wal-Mart project may cause traffic, safety problems

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Neighbors of the newly constructed Wal-Mart in Pass Christian resembled anything but a welcome wagon at Tuesday's public hearing.

The Board of Aldermen called the hearing to give residents an opportunity to voice their concerns about Wal-Mart's impact on traffic flow in the area.

Over 50 citizens, who filled chairs and lined the walls at City Hall, took that opportunity to point out potential problems such as speeding and safety. Several spoke out about the potential inconvenience of having to find alternate routes to and from their homes.

Many residents focused on Hayden

What neighbors are saying

Pass Christian residents are concerned about traffic problems that may occur when the new beach-front Wal-Mart store opens.

• We can live with Wal-Mart; we can accept it," Rick Oden said in a public hearing Tuesday. "Hayden is going to be the problem."

• Another man suggested the whole situation was being overthought. He asked if anyone had considered having no entrance onto Hayden.

Avenue, the road west of Wal-Mart proposed to have an opening into the super center's parking lot.

Rick Oden, who has lived on Hayden Avenue for the last 27 years, voiced his concern about the street remaining two-

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Bay Council eyes 5 mill tax increase

Compretta: No tax hike to fund employee raises

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

City officials say a five-mill tax hike - the second for Bay St. Louis in two years - probably will be needed to finance a \$2 million general obligation bond they plan to issue next month.

City Council passed a non-binding resolution of intent to issue the bonds Tuesday night, as Mayor Eddie Favre asked. It would pay for a sweeping, citywide street resurfacing program, and associated minor drainage work if formally enacted next month.

Favre said if there's enough left over, the bond

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Southern Regional plan OK'd

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

With some reluctance, Bay St. Louis city officials agreed Tuesday to terms of a two-decade contract with the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District.

Council also took some significant votes dealing with city zoning matters, and promised that more changes are in the wind.

The contract matter has been under debate

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Motorcycle fatality under investigation

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A fatality of Metairie, LA resident on Sunday, May 4, on the Ansley Road near the Port Bienville Industrial Park is still under investigation. The accident involved a motorcycle rider and a piece of heavy equipment, according to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

"Geray Musacchia, 42, Metairie, was pronounced dead at the scene by Hancock County Medical Examiner Norma Stiglet," Garber said Wednesday.

Garber said the Mississippi State Highway Patrol was called to investigate the accident. Trooper Roy Fullerton worked the

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School board planning E. Hancock expansion

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Overflowing classrooms at East Hancock Elementary School have spawned an expansion project planned for under \$1 million.

During its regular meeting on May 1, the Hancock County School Board voted to advertise bids for this much-needed expansion, which will include eight classroom additions, 42 additional

parking spaces, new concrete sidewalks, an alternate for storm drainage and an alternate for a car rider canopy.

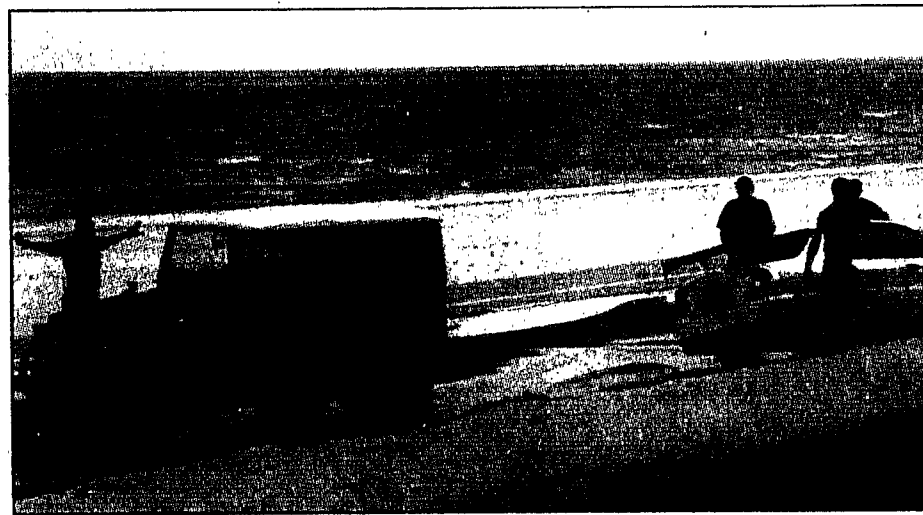
The board plans for a start date next month with a tentative completion date in January 2004.

"The Hancock County School District prioritized a need to lower class size in first grade district-wide," said Superintendent of



Mike Ladner

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Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

A motorist, whose car was stuck in a mini-sand dune just west of Coast Episcopal Church on South Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis, receives assistance from a friend and the Bay St. Louis Police Department Wednesday. Strong winds have swept sand into piles all along Beach Blvd.

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Supervisors appoint Lagasse as new county building official

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The county got a new building official on Monday when Supervisors voted unanimously to hire Mickey Lagasse for the position. Lagasse will take over the job on June 1st.

Lagasse said he will continue the work of former employee Willie Gavney with an effort to make sure that zoning laws are enforced, that residential and commercial zoning boundaries are not crossed.

His main focus will be flood plain management, he said, with an emphasis on enforcing regulations that are already in place which regulate building in a flood plain. He will also work to move the county into the community rating system, he said. Waveland and Bay St. Louis already participate in the community rating system, which works to reduce the cost of flood insurance.

Lagasse said he plans to be proactive by seeking funding from available federal grants to help implement the policies of good flood plain management. Lagasse also plans to attend classes to prepare him for the job.

Other than that he is not planning on making a lot of changes right away, Lagasse said.

"I want to benefit from the input and suggestions of long term employees," he said. "I also want people to know that I plan to emphasize service ... good service that will make the public's experience with the office as convenient and consistent as possible. I don't want people to dread coming into the office."

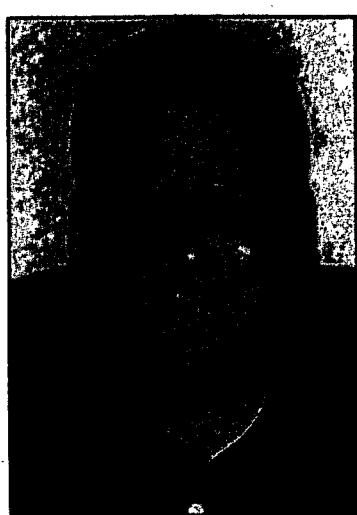
Lagasse was born and raised in Hancock County and is the son of Jay and Joanne Lagasse. He and his wife Tonya have one daughter Lauren-Anne.

Lagasse has worked in the construction field for 12 years and will leave a job as territory manager for a distribution company that supplies raw building materials. He is also certified to teach continuing education hours for architects.

Working for the county will allow him more time to spend with his family, he said, as he typically traveled for four or five days out of each week in his previous job.

In other business:

• Ronnie Cuevas requested approval by Supervisors for the temporary use of a radio tower located at Hwy. 603 and the Rock Hill Dedeaux Rd. The tower would enhance communication between the Sheriff's



Mickey Lagasse

department and other emergency workers until a new communication system comes on line in the county. Supervisor Jay Cuevas said that Kiln officials had mentioned wanting the property where the tower is located, about three acres, to possibly build a civic center and fire station. Cuevas said the department had no interest in the land, just the use of the tower. Supervisors approved Cuevas' request.

• A public hearing was set for 10 a.m. on June 11 at the second meeting of the Board of Supervisors next month to hear an appeal of a planning and zoning decision to approve a request by Christian Vinzini for a special exception on property located at South Railroad and Clermont Blvd. in

Clermont Harbor.

Vinzini planned to open a restaurant at the location, where several other businesses had been owned by his family over the past 20 years or more. No commercial operation had been at the location for the past three or four years, said Candee Breaux at the planning and zoning office, but the property had previously been zoned commercial and other businesses are present in the area. The planning and zoning commission had granted the special exception to Vinzini, but several members of the Clermont Harbor Civic Association had voiced their disapproval of the decision and decided to file an appeal.

• District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour asked that Compton Engineering be asked to submit a report outlining all county projects, listing contractors, costs incurred versus original projected costs and the status of completion on each project.

• District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman asked that trees along an old fence line at Pearl Cemetery be cut down and removed.

• District 1 Supervisor Lisa Coward asked that benches be placed at each bridge crossing at the beach hike and bike trail.

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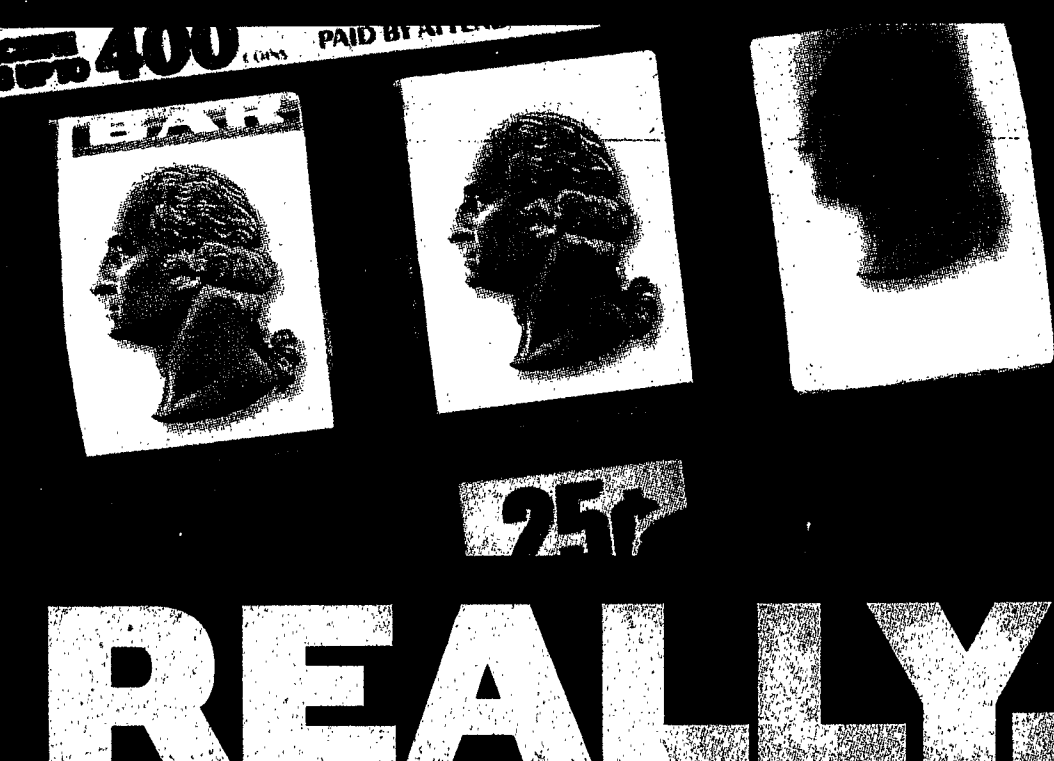
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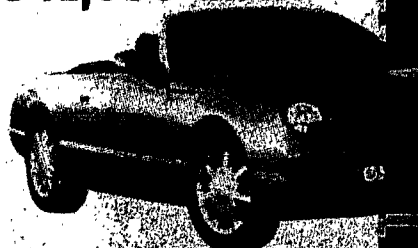
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Clermont Harbor Civic Assoc. meets Saturday

The Clermont Harbor Civic Assoc. will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sat. in the training room of the VFD.

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Hancock County domestic violence reports down slightly from last year

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Domestic violence calls to the Hancock County Sheriff's office have dropped a bit in comparison to the same period last year, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

January 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003, the sheriff's department answered 107 calls for a total of 120 days, as compared to 115 calls in 2002 from Jan. 1 through April 22, for a total of 113 days.

Garber said he was happy to see the numbers drop a bit in 2002, adding, "Responding to domestic calls is one law enforcement officers across the nation hate to respond too, as they never know what they will face."

The sheriff's department began late in 2000 keeping records by computer of the calls deputies respond to in programs developed by Investigator Burt Johnson.

Johnson continues to add to the system and at the

beginning of 2002, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert has been able to make comparisons on most crime categories committed in the county.

Domestic violence calls to the sheriff's department began to slow the last three months of 2002, as a high priority was placed on them by Garber and his investigating department.

During the first 11 months of 2002 deputies responded to 317 domestic violence calls, according to

records kept by Lambert, which covered a period of 334 days.

A help to the department has been an increase of citizen awareness and in reporting incidents, which helps many times in solving crime matters, Garber said last December.

If any citizen is aware of, or feel there is a possible crime being committed, they are urged to give the Sheriff's Department a call at 456-5101, or 1-601-798-8555 (Picayune exchange).

THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE



Nearly 100 Hancock North Central Elementary kindergartners visited Hancock Medical Center recently for an educational field trip. Above are teachers Ashley Thompson and Connie Gebbia, their assistants Pearle Hoda and Cheryl Ladner and students. The classes visit several departments, including imaging, emergency, pre-op and the infant nursery. They meet physicians, nurses, technicians and personnel who talk about their roles and help to familiarize children with the hospital environment. For information on tours for schools or civic groups, call marketing director Janet McQueen at (228) 467-8790.

Texas Flat Rd. project to get under way by early winter

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If work goes as planned, a project to connect Hwy. 603 to Hwy. 607 by way of Texas Flat Road in Kiln will get started this winter. Once the project is underway it should take about 18 months to complete said engineer Geoffrey Clemens.

A public hearing to address the findings of an environmental impact study on the project was held at the Hancock County Civic Center on Tuesday evening. According to Clemens, the evening went off without a

hitch, with no one offering negative feedback.

The purpose of the project is to improve Texas Flat into a state highway connector. When the remaining approximately 12 miles of dirt and gravel road are paved it will also provide a new northern entrance to Stennis Space Center at Mainline Rd., Clemens said.

The road will also provide easy access for many companies located at the Space Center to Stennis International Airport and it is anticipated that cargo

may arrive and leave from there on a more frequent basis once the road is completed.

The portion of the road that is already paved will be widened about two feet, said Clemens to provide a 24 ft. wide roadway, but the look of that portion will not change much, he said. The road is now 22 ft. wide. The widening of this portion of the road will require the acquisition of additional right of ways from property owners, Clemens said, in a separate process.

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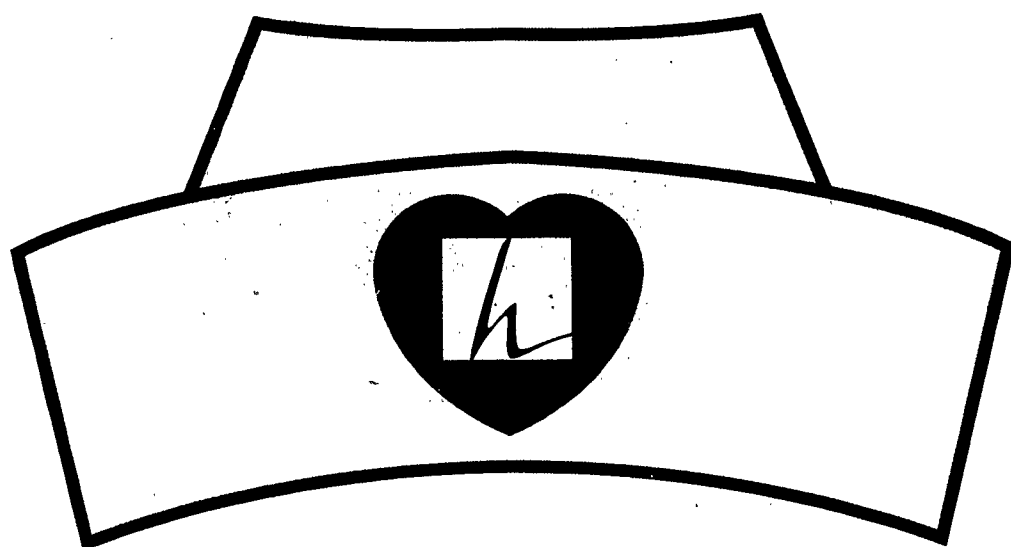
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Letter carriers to collect for H.C. Food Pantry

On Saturday, May 10, the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable items, like canned soup, juice, rice, pasta, vegetables, and cereal for the Hancock County Food Pantry in this area. In recent months, the heaviest demand by families in need of food has been placed on the Hancock County Food Pantry. Residents can help by placing their food donations in a bag at their mail box on Saturday before their mail carrier arrives. No glass or perishables.



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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

A very important annual food drive takes place on Saturday and that is the annual National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the United States Postal Service.

In our area, the Hancock County Food Pantry benefits from the food drive. Letter carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice while they make their mail deliveries on Saturday. No glass containers or perishables please.

The general public can help by placing their food donations by their mail boxes in a bag before their letter carrier arrives May 10. The Food Pantry helps so many in need of food and the demand has been great in recent months. Won't you please help!

Becoming more popular each month is the Bay St. Louis Downtown Merchant Association's Second Saturdays.

The event is bringing more and more folks to the Beach, Main Street and immediate area businesses. On May 10, the Second Saturday Art Walk will feature six of the area's merchants. Five are merchants and a sixth is an antique store.

Now as many of you know, there was a time when the Downtown Merchant area had almost disappeared. Like the Back-a-Town area by the Bay St. Louis Depot, it was the heart of the business community.

Just think, there were two banks, two savings and loans, two movie theaters, two drug stores, two fish markets, two supermarkets, barbershop, hardware store, two ladies apparel stores, bakery, etc.

Things are beginning to come back in the beach front area and that is great. Of course, there will be live entertainment, as Peoples Bank will sponsor Bobby Allison at 100 N. Beach Blvd.

There will be demonstrations at several of the area's businesses and it looks like it can be a fun time to browse

around and see what the Downtown Bay St. Louis Merchants have to offer.

Providing the facilities gives an area the opportunity of offering different types of entertainment.

As an example, on March 9 and 10, the Champion Dodge Gulf Coast Motocross Championship will be held at the Hancock County Equine Facility and Livestock Arena, Kiln/Delisle Road.

The event is a production of Southern and Kenny Bilbo Productions. Motocross competitors range in the ages of four to forty with classes for youth, amateur, and semi-pro divisions.

There is hardly a week that goes by that I do not see some type of Motocross competition on television, not that I watch it that much. A news release states riders will come from some five states and will be competing on one of the most challenging tracks on the Arenacross circuit. Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Admission is \$10 adults, and children \$8 and under. Save \$2 off admission price by purchasing advance tickets at Jack's Firestone, G.B.&D. ATV, McClure Reality, Pro Works or call Southern Sports Promotions at 255-8110. It is hope the arena will be filled both Friday and Saturday for the Motocross Championships.

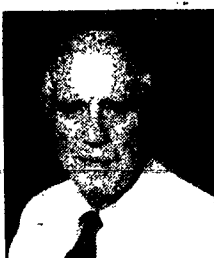
If you are a theater goer, you may want to consider the comedy production of "Noises Off", a Bay St. Louis Little Theatre play set for May 9-11, 16-18 and 23-24. The show goes on at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays at the John Holmes Playhouse, 301 Boardman Avenue, off Dunbar Avenue.

Locals have been performing at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre for many decades and it is surprising the amount of talent in the community.

Tickets are \$12 adults and \$7 for students 17 and under. Doors open 7:30 p.m. for evening productions and 1:30 p.m. for Sunday matinees.

Miss. soldier liberates Holocaust victim 58 years ago at concentration camp

Every year when commemoration services for Holocaust victims roll around, Gilbert Metz is grateful to be alive. He puts the horror of Auschwitz and Dachau further behind him, no matter that his prisoner number remains tattooed on his



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

But on this April 29 a Holocaust commemoration here was very special.

Fifty-eight years ago, April 29, 1945, 11 a.m., a gaunt, emaciated 16-year-old Gilbert Metz was liberated from the Nazis' dreaded concentration camp at Dachau.

Moreso, it was special because a Mississippi soldier had been one of his liberators.

Poignantly, the Mississippian who freed

him exactly 58 years before came to stand up with Gilbert Metz at a Holocaust Memorial service at Temple Beth Israel.

Chester Burnham, now a leathery 85, came up from his home near the village of Puckett to share the moments of the touching service at Beth Israel, and receive the thanks of the Jackson Jewish community by having a tree in his honor planted in Israel.

He had been a corporal in the 932nd field artillery unit, a part of Patton's army. The Battle of the Bulge was only a few months behind them.

It was more or less accidental that Burnham volunteered on April 29, 1945 to take a Jeep driver to check out the Dachau camp, some 10 miles away from where his unit was

bivouacked. He had no idea of the unspeakable horror he would find inside.

Two or three Nazi soldiers near the camp gate "high-tailed it when they saw us coming," says Burnham, and "I went inside. What I saw just tore me up. Dead bodies were stacked up all over the place. And a few, I could see, were still alive...just skin and bones."

Amazingly, Gilbert Metz was one of those alive, and Burnham remembers taking down his name. "And the look on his face I will never forget," he adds.

In later years through newspaper articles when Burnham learned about Metz now living in Mississippi, "that name, because of the New York Mets, came back to me." And that was when the two hooked up by telephone.

Burnham said after his shocking discovery inside Dachau he took notes on what he saw, "I could do nothing other than head

back to my unit, report my findings so that a team of medics could go back and take over." As it was, it took several days longer for the camp and the survivors to be decontaminated before they could be removed.

Gilbert Metz' life is a complicated journey beginning from childhood in French Alsace-Lorraine before it was overrun by the Nazis in 1940 and all Jews had to flee for their lives.

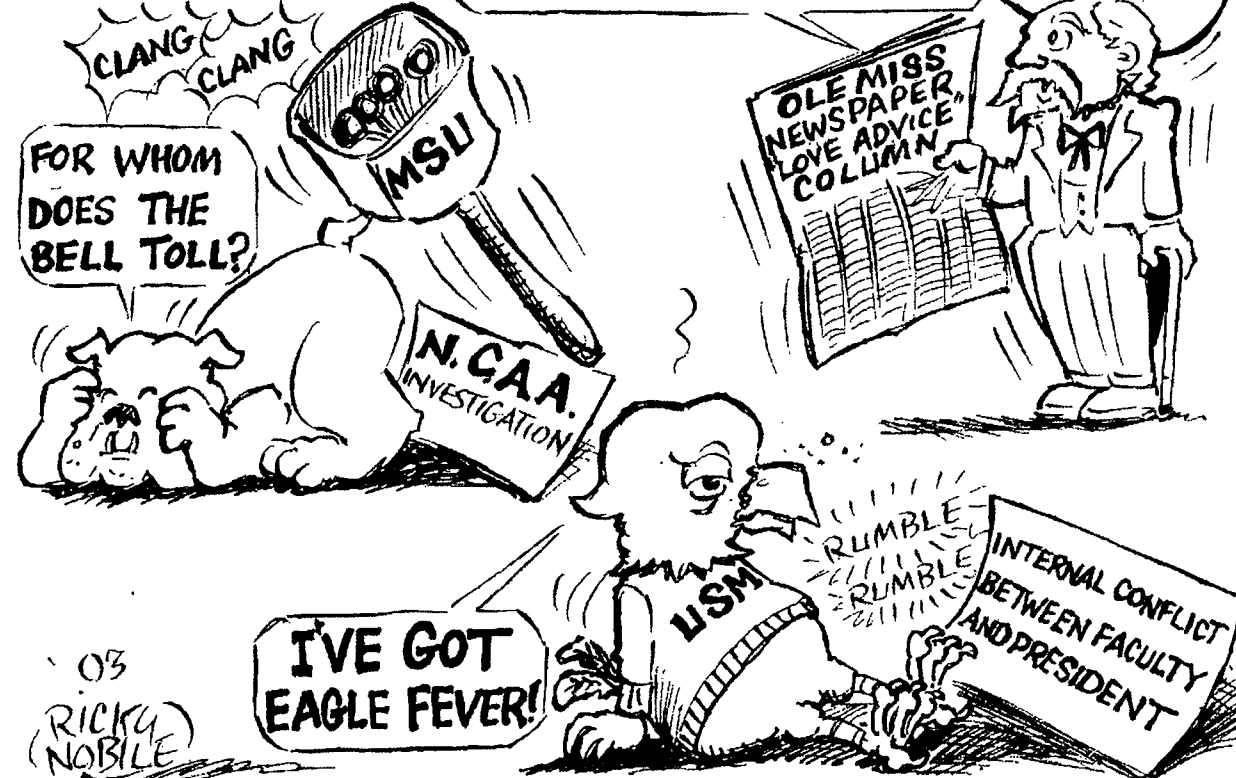
Metz' family wound up in the French town of St. Die with Gilbert and his sister for three years, poetically, attending a Roman Catholic school before the family along with all other Jews in town were arrested in 1943 by the Gestapo and shipped off to concentration camps.

Shuffled from one death camp to another, somehow he stayed alive, losing his mother and father to the Nazi gas chambers at Auschwitz along the way.

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Couple choose to live with ALS

Dear Editor:

May is ALS Awareness Month, and we hope you'll take a few moments to give some thought to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. If you're not very familiar with that disease name, we understand. We were only mildly aware of Lou Gehrig's disease until March 2001, when it hit our family like a sledge hammer, and Steven received a diagnosis of ALS at age 35.

That's the way ALS is. Scientists have some ideas about what causes it, but they don't know for sure, so it usually strikes out of the blue. It hits adults in the prime of life, and it can strike anyone.

ALS starts with generalized muscle weakness, and eventually leads to virtually complete paralysis. For most people, it progresses pretty rapidly, and it takes away the ability speak, then the capacity to

breathe without assistance. The average survival is three to five years, though with newer respiratory equipment available, life expectancy is gradually increasing.

ALS entered our lives just as Steven was enjoying the greatest potential for growth in his sales career in the telecommunications industry. He was looking forward to many years in his role as father of our now 5-year-old son, Christopher.

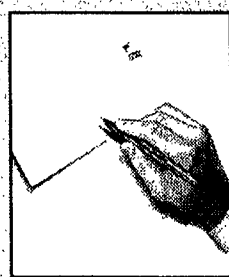
Needless to say, we initially struggled with what this diagnosis meant for our family's future. We've held on to a positive attitude, and every time we hear that prognosis of three to five years, we remind ourselves that no one really knows how long someone will live.

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Letters to the Editor

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Police officer rescues beloved family pet

I would like to commend Officer David Garcia of the Hancock County Sheriffs Department.

On Monday evening during a violent thunderstorm, my 13-year-old sheltie became frightened and ran away. After several hours of searching, I found her in a nearby bayou, barking but unable to get out.

As fate would have it, Officer Garcia just happened to be passing by on a routine

patrol.

I summoned him for help and it wasn't long before he pulled both me and my dog to safety, wet, muddy and very grateful. I was overwhelmed by his kindness and compassion.

Officer Garcia, again, I thank you, and Cookie thanks you.

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Dunbar Village celebrates volunteer week

As part of National Volunteer Week, Dunbar Village threw a party for the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents throughout the year to bring joy and fun to the residents at Dunbar.

Dunbar Village wishes to publicly recognize the following volunteers: Diamondhead Dancers; all the singers - Mr. and Mrs. Crist, Herschel Walker, folk singer Merrick Henry, Hancock Singers, as well as all of the choirs and choruses-adults and children alike who bring song to Dunbar; Hancock Bank volunteers; Rita Dahn, who brings the Rosary to Catholic residents every Friday; VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Diamondhead for the monthly birthday cakes; Hancock Women's Group for holiday presents; Karen Hunt and her Girl Scout Troop for bringing animals to visit with the residents; Yvette Gonzales and Audrey Island for leading games and activities every week; Judy Mayer, Barbara Rucker and Frances Graves from the Main Street Methodist Church for planting a garden at Dunbar; all the ladies at Lutheran Church of the Pines for their wonderful fund raiser that will allow Dunbar to build raised, wheelchair-accessi-



Latter Day Saints Missionaries receive "Volunteers of the Year" award from Dunbar Village Nursing and Personal Care Home. Residents look forward to their regular visits and assistance with activities throughout the year.

ble gardens; Bob and Bobbie Huet who continue to give year after year; the elementary and pre-school children who visit residents on holidays; and the terrific teenagers, including Lee Ann Bertucci, Velvet Askew, and the Interact groups from Our Lady Academy and Bay High.

A very special thanks to the fine young men from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The LDS missionaries have been chosen our "Volunteers of the Year" for 2002. They have come to

Dunbar Village twice a week, every week without fail, to call Bingo, visit and laugh with the residents.

Residents and staff love these guys and appreciate their selfless, giving nature. There could not be a more deserving group of volunteers.

Residents joined the volunteers for the May 3rd party, and the Activities Directors from Dunbar's Terrace Nursing Home and Courtyard Personal Care Home handed out gifts, special volunteer pins and certificates of thanks.

The LDS missionaries have been added to the "Volunteer of the Year" plaque that hangs in the reception area.

Administrator Jill Mack suggested, "In honor of volunteer week, I hope everyone will consider volunteering. It's fun and it's rewarding. We'd love to have you here at Dunbar Village; but, whether it's here or somewhere else, please give it a try. Just by donating some time every now and then, you can make a lot of people happy-including yourself!"

Minor -- Holocaust

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What happened to his sister, four years younger than he, the Lord only knows.

You've got to ask him: How did you survive?

"I was just lucky," says the 74 year-old Metz. Even once taken for dead, his fellow prisoners in their typhus-ravaged barracks stripped him naked and tossed him out in the snow.

No doubt he had to be clever. He used his small size to advantage. And what served him in good stead was that he could speak High German, an asset that Prussian officers respected.

"If I hadn't spoken High German as well as I did, I don't think I would have survived," he says.

Water. Above all, even food, Metz learned, you couldn't live without it. Without water you could go insane. You would fight for

it. Even die for it.

Metz recalls that dozens of thirst-maddened Jews packed into a railroad cattle car were dumped into the yard of one Nazi prison camp. They desperately rushed to a fountain on the camp ground to devour precious water.

From guard towers, Nazi riflemen opened fire. Dozens of prisoners fell dead.

Metz somehow escaped being hit. Early the next morning when he peeked out of his barracks, he spotted 100 bodies strewn around the fountain.

His parents both dead, after World War II he was allowed to come live with an aunt in Natchez who long ago had emigrated to the U.S.

Metz graduated from Natchez High, went on to Tulane University, but was

drafted into the U.S. military during the Korean War and sent to Korea. Again he survived.

Rather than finish in law at Tulane as he planned, Metz came back to Mississippi, moved to Jackson and launched his own business as a women's apparel and dry goods wholesaler, selling to smaller independent stores.

He built up \$250,000 business over 25 years until his wife's health began to fail badly. Two years ago he

retired.

Now Metz is fighting a life-and-death battle completely different than surviving the Holocaust: prostate cancer.

A few months ago, his prognosis to survive this battle looked less than promising.

But now a super-expensive medicine that comes, ironically, from Germany has given him new hope to hang around for awhile. Once a month, a dose costs \$575.

ALS

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Whatever the number of years we may have, we've determined to make it a time of quality, with a focus on our child. If ALS has a blessing, it's that it's helped us focus on what matters most.

Backing up our determination and our hope are the services of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. As the world's leading provider of services for people with ALS and the research to defeat the disease, MDA gives us an important rock to lean on.

MDA offers the 30,000 Americans with ALS the best in expert medical care through its 29 MDA/ALS centers at major universities and its 230 MDA outpatient clinics across the country. It also helps people buy needed equipment such as wheelchairs and communication devices, and provides a steady stream of information about medical care and research findings.

To date, MDA has spent \$140 million in ALS service-

es and a worldwide research program seeking a treatment or cure. MDA-funded scientists are conducting several clinical trials of drugs that could affect the disease progression, and are pursuing every lead that comes up.

We've found particular comfort and strength by connecting with others who have this horrible disease through an MDA-sponsored support group. Support groups allow us to learn from ALS "veterans" and to share information with those just joining the fight.

We've chosen to see ourselves as living - not dying - with ALS. We're grateful to all of you whose support enables MDA to help us keep fighting.

Steven and Jennifer Bishop of Arvada, Colo., serve as co-chairpersons of MDA's ALS Division. Information about ALS and MDA's ALS program is available at www.alsmdausa.org or by calling (800) 572-1717.

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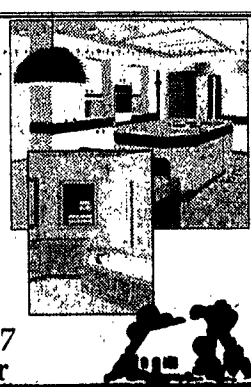
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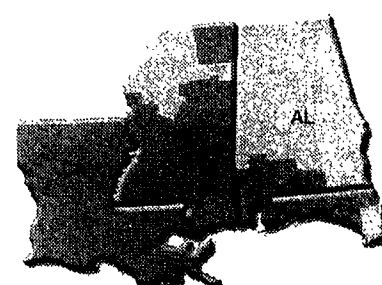
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Mother's Day is coming!

Trace the History of Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600s, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday," on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40-day period leading up to Easter).

"Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England. During this time, many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity continued to evolve throughout Europe, the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" — the spiritual power that gave the people life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States, Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia

Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") as a day dedicated to peace. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, every year.

In 1907, Ana Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia, to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. By the next year, Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful, and by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

While many countries celebrate their own Mother's Days at different times throughout the year, some countries, like Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium, also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

A Special Tribute to the 'Mother' of All Nursery Rhymes — Mother Goose

From children to adults, just about everyone knows a line from a nursery rhyme. There is "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall," "Jack and Jill went up the hill," "Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep." The list of rhymes goes on. And many are associated with none other than Mother Goose.

The origin of the Mother Goose character is uncertain. The rhymes themselves come from various sources; some were written by famous authors, and others were passed down by folklore. May 1 marked Mother Goose Day. Following are some tips for parents, teachers and children to celebrate the day, courtesy of the Mother Goose Society, an organization that encourages a love of Mother Goose.

- Compare how different illustrators have depicted Mother Goose poems. Discuss which illustrations most accurately represent the poems.

- Read children Mother

Goose rhymes from a book, showing them the illustrations as you read.

- Let children illustrate a rhyme. Then compare their renditions with some published ones.

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since last November, when council members balked at some of its provisions that had already been agreed to by the other entities involved: Hancock County, Waveland, the county Water and Sewer Board, and officials of Kiln and Pearlinton. Public officials had thought the pact would sail through Bay St. Louis last year, but it came under scrutiny and attack by members of council.

Tuesday, its revised provisions passed in a four-one vote. The new contract, between the city and the sewer district, contains many of the revisions that the city had sought.

Significantly, the Board of Supervisors has agreed to assume liability that may pile up if wastewater officials in the unincorporated areas can't pay their bills to the district. One new agreement notes that the county, and the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, have broad taxing authority to insure their obligations will be met.

But the unincorporated area's sewer districts don't have similar taxing power, and could have left Bay St. Louis vulnerable for part of those payments. The Board of Supervisors' new guarantee fixes that problem, officials say.

One other major sticking point for Bay St. Louis had been a provision that allows the wastewater district's board of directors to spend

up to \$350,000 at a time without asking the cities and county for special approval. Bay St. Louis wanted that number lowered to \$200,000.

Negotiations on that point, however, failed to budge the other officials involved. The \$350,000 cap stuck in the contract. Ward 1 council member Doug Seal balked when he learned that provision remained.

"We would like to know when money is spent," said Seal, as he made a motion to defeat the contract proposal. At large council member William "Bill" Taylor seemed likewise upset, but said he would vote for the pact anyway.

As it stands, any expenditure over \$350,000 will require not only unanimous votes by the three-member board of directors, but also a 2/3 approval by the governing bodies of the participating agencies.

The new contract also requires that all votes of the district board be unanimous to be approved. And City Council agreed to insist that all minutes of the board, including the docket of expenditures and "exhibits" supporting the votes, are sent to council monthly for review. Seal cast the lone dissenting vote. Taylor's motion to approve it stated:

"I move we pass it, with objections." The mayor was authorized to sign the pact, which runs until the year 2025.

In other matters, council agreed in principal to a new ordinance that would forbid residents and businesses from substituting propane gas service for the city's natural gas services. One resident, apparently upset over the city's gas rates, had a propane tank installed as a substitute, officials said.

Mayor Eddie Favre said the propane tank was installed illegally, because the work was done without a permit.

Beyond safety concerns over such conversions, city officials say their gas system — a money-maker in the Utility Department — amounts to a monopoly that can't be breached. A similar rule applies to city water and sewer services.

In zoning matters, council took the unusual step of rezoning a tract on St. John Street, from C-2 (neighborhood commercial) to R-2 (two-family residential). Mary Alice Ladner sought the change, to make way for construction of four duplexes on her tract in the 500-block of the street.

The city routinely grants zoning code exceptions and variances, but rarely changes the zoning classification of properties. In this case, officials agreed that the property abuts other residential property, and it's too far away from Highway 90 to function as a commercial plot.

Council deferred action on a zoning code change

that would limit fence heights to three feet, if built beyond the front line of a dwelling. Council asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to study that proposal further, saying it could create problems that hadn't been anticipated.

Council also deferred for study a proposed zoning code change allowing streamers on commercial properties, like car sales lots. Lacking a firm definition of "streamers," officials said the ordinance could create problems.

Council endorsed two other significant changes to the zoning ordinance. One will specify that formal site plan reviews are required for non-residential construction and development in R-3, C-1, C-2, C-3, industrial districts and within all unzoned areas. Council wants to include medical complex areas in the review process as well.

Another change will tighten the rules for "special exceptions" to the zoning ordinance, the customary way council allows deviations from the zoning code. Under the new rules, special exceptions will expire unless the particular project is completed within six months after a building permit is obtained. The six-month rule also will apply to variances approved for certain projects.

The changes will be put in final code form before adoption by council.

Tax -- 5 mill increase in BSL

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issue also could fund sidewalk construction projects and upgrading the city's water well stock. Favre is hopeful that the city's gaming and sales tax revenues will be \$200,000 to \$300,000 more than budgeted for the year, enabling a round of employee raises.

Favre has been talking about the resurfacing program during the past several meetings of council, assuring council members that the city could keep its costs lower by doing most of the work in-house and buying asphalt in a special bulk quantity.

Council will have a vote on a prioritized list of streets to include, from the Department of Public Works, before a June 5 final decision. "We'd have to agree on the package ahead, with no deviations ... no change orders or anything," said Ward 2 council member Doug Seal.

Locking the program into concrete may not be easy, as each of the five council members look to see what's included in each ward. "Booker Street is first," said Ward 3 council member Tom Farve.

"That ain't the worst," said the mayor with a laugh. "At least there's asphalt on the damned thing." Many city streets, the mayor contends, are in horrible shape.

The city has done little

more than patch potholes during the past several years, in the face of tough economic times. An ambitious, citywide drainage and capital improvement program which ran over budget brought on part of the financial squeeze. It was financed by over \$10 million in general obligation and revenue bonds.

As it is, parts or all of at least 40 city streets need resurfacing, the mayor said. Some need more extensive, and expensive, reconstruction. Favre said Main and Court streets, for instance, need to be milled and rebuilt.

He also said he's hopeful the County Board of Supervisors will resurface Beach Boulevard this year, sparing the city that expense.

Aside from resurfacing the city needs some minor associated drainage work, Favre said, such as replacing broken culverts that support residential driveways. If there is leftover money to allow it, the mayor and council also would like to see culverts laid in some ditches, to allow for construction of sidewalks over them.

The mayor promised an almost immediate start to the street work if council approves the bond issue next month — even before the city actually gets the bond proceeds. Rather than

stretch the repayment over 15 or 20 years, he wants to retire the bonds in five to 7 years, costing about \$400,000 a year. That's roughly the equivalent of five mills' city taxation.

He said the city should be able to resume its annual resurfacing program after that, keeping all city streets in good repair from now on, from regular tax collections and other city revenues.

The city also needs to refurbish its four water towers, and build a new one, officials say. It's uncertain if the upcoming bond issue can cover those costs, however.

Bay St. Louis had a tax rate of 30.85 mills until 1993, when the opening of Casino Magic offered significant revenues for the city coffers. Council slashed taxes to five mills then, dividing that small income between the county library system and city parks and recreation purposes.

Last year, the mayor asked for a 15-mill tax hike, citing increasing budget burdens. Council agreed only on a 5.5-mill increase, however, for the current fiscal year. Even that didn't give the city enough money, however, to finance a major capital improvement program — or employee raises.

Those missed pay hikes remain on the table as a \$200,000 possibility. "The employees have got to get

raises," Favre said, telling council he's hopeful this year's revenues from gaming and sales taxes will be excessive enough to cover the cost.

"If not, we're looking at a tax increase for raises," the mayor said.

That comment brought sharp reaction from Ward 4 council member Bobby Compretta. He said when he was manager of the Winn Dixie, employees had to wait until business was sufficient to fund payroll hikes — sometimes for years.

"If you're going to go up on taxes," Compretta said, "You've got to give the people something (tangible) in return." And council member Favre joked that the public reaction to raises wouldn't be nice. "You know what they're going to say about the employees: 'Well they don't do nothing anyway'."

The mayor retreated some on his remark that employees must get raises. Still, he said the city is seeing personnel turnovers in part due to non-competitive salaries. That's costly to the city, he said, particularly in the police department.

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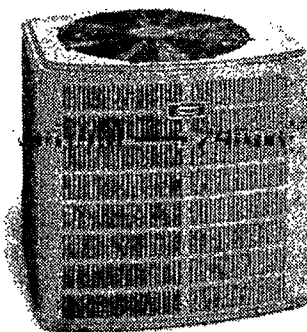
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Wal-Mart -- traffic

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way after Wal-Mart opens. He suggested the council make Hayden a one-way, south bound street to avoid making traffic problems.

"We can live with Wal-Mart; we can accept it," Oden said. "Hayden is going to be the problem."

Another man suggested the whole situation was being overthought. He asked if anyone had considered having no entrance onto Hayden.

The idea, in fact, had been entertained.

Pat Godley, a planning commissioner for the city, said Wal-Mart engineers had proposed an opening on Hayden, but claimed the opening was not vital.

Godley said the planning commission decided against the opening when presenting proposals to the Board of Aldermen. It was decided

to have the main entrance off Highway 90, which called for the installation of a red light. To help discourage increased traffic on Hayden, a median was also installed on Highway 90 at the foot of the street.

Holiday Drive, located on the east side of the store, will be used as a truck entrance, Godley said.

It was Pass Christian Fire Chief Rich Marvil who submitted a letter to the board requesting an opening on Hayden because of safety requirements issued by the International Fire Code.

"Hayden Avenue is the quickest route to Wal-Mart if an emergency occurs," he said.

Marvil said someone had proposed that Highway 90 would be the quickest route; however, he disagreed.

If Hayden does not have an entrance to Wal-Mart, Marvil explained that fire trucks would have to drive down Holiday Drive, cross Highway 90 to get in the west-bound lane and then cross over the highway once again to enter into the store's parking lot.

Marvil said this would pose a safety issue and would add more time for firefighters to respond to an emergency.

"I have to consider the well-being of my firefighters, the tax payers and the patrons of Wal-Mart," he said.

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald said the City Council will review all the options about the traffic flow situation before making a decision.

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 WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Aames Capital Corporation, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 545 at Page 330 thereof; and
 WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 753 at Page 321 thereof; and
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 27th day of May, 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
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 Lot Thirty-four (34), Block Seven (7), Unit Five (5), DIAMONDHEAD, Phase Two (2), a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Page 38-40 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.
 Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
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 WHEREAS, Amerquest Mortgage Company has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 753 at Page 314; and
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Amerquest Mortgage Company, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale,
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on May 16, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
 Situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 43, Block 1, Unit 9, Diamondhead, Phase 1, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 12 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
 The above legal description is the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.
 Being the same property conveyed to Rachael M. Robinson and Darian R. Robinson, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, by deed from Rachael C. Monica Robinson, a/k/a Rachael C. Monica, dated January 11, 1999, recorded January 13, 1999, in Book BB182, Page 490, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
 I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
 WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on April 21, 2003.

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 WHEREAS, on October 9, 1998, Ersan Ferit Yurttas, a married man, executed a deed of trust to Joseph Kelly, Attorney at Law, trustee for the benefit of Homebased Financial Network, Inc., which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 529 at Page 450 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi; and
 WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee by instrument dated October 20, 1998, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 740 at Page 815; and
 WHEREAS, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr., as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated February 12, 2003 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 745 at Page 839; and
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due there under, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale,
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, will on the 13th day of May, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
 Lots 19 and 20, Square F, Jourdan River Isles Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of the said subdivision on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
 I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
 WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 28th day of March, 2003.

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For more information, call 228-255-2049 or 255-5853 or visit the DCE Web site at www.dheadca.org. All courses are non-credit. Courses, dates and times are as follows:
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 Building a computer, Tuesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Digital photography, Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m.
LANGUAGES
 Beginning French, Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
 Conversational Spanish, Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m.
 Sign language, Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.
STUDIO ARTS AND CRAFTS
 Bead jewelry and frames, Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon
 Crafts, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
 Drama, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Drawing, Thursdays, 1 to

2:30 p.m.
 Oil painting, Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Sculpture, Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 Story writing, Mondays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 Watercolor, Mondays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
BODY AND SOUL
 DansKinetics for Youth, Tuesdays, 11 to noon (ages 8 to 13)
 Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. (ages 14 to 18)
 Yoga
 Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m. (ages 8 to 13)
 Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. (ages 14 to 18)
FOOD, FUN & SPORT
 Beginner's bridge, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Chess, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Fly-tying and fishing, Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Saturdays, July 19 and

26, 10 a.m. to noon
 Fun food preparation, Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
 Pocket billiards (pool) Wednesdays 6 to 7 p.m. (ages 13 to 18)
 Thursdays, 10:30 to noon (ages 8 to 12)
SPECIALTY CLASSES AND EVENTS
 Babysitting (how to), Saturdays, July 19 and 26, 2 to 3 p.m.
 Etiquette, Saturdays, June 21, June 28, July 12, 2 to 3 p.m.
 Fashion Flair, at Bella Donna in Waveland, ages 13 to 18 and parent(s), Wednesday, July 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 Fly fishing for youth/parent, Saturdays, July 19 and 26, 10 a.m. to noon
 Movie nights, Diamondhead Country Club Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (ages 8 to 12)
 Wednesdays, 8 to 9:30 p.m. (ages 13 to 18)
 Family picnic and barbecue, Twin Lakes Pavillion, Saturday, June 28; noon

Hancock Medical Center hosts Red Cross blood drive at annual Health Fair on Saturday, May 17

The American Red Cross will once again team up with Hancock Medical Center during their annual Health Fair and Blood Drive on Saturday, May 17, 2003. The self-contained trailer will be parked to the right of the hospital entrance and blood donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All blood types are needed, especially 0 negative and 0 positive. The Health Fair is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. but the Red Cross will stay an extra hour allowing health fair workers a chance to give the gift of life as we approach the summer season and the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Donors will receive a free t-shirt as a thank you for giving blood.

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School -- expansion

Education Mike Ladner. “We could not hire a class-size reduction teacher or expand our gifted and talented programs at East Hancock Elementary because we had no classrooms available due to continued growth in student population.”

Cheryl Ramseyer, principal of East Hancock Elementary School, said the expansion is more than welcome.

The school, which opened in October 1999, has a population capacity of 650. Currently, 633 students are enrolled for the 2002-2003 school year.

Ramseyer said classrooms are overflowing in different grade levels for different reasons.

One major problem has been the growing population of first-grade classes. Ramseyer said class-size reduction has not been a possibility because their were no additional classrooms. Other grades and classes also presented their own problems.

“We have over 90 students in our gifted program,” Ramseyer said. “They’ve been housed in a science lab and an art room. Now, these rooms will be available to the entire school.”

The science lab and art room are not the only makeshift classrooms. The Texas Scottish Write Dyslexia Program, designed for small groups of students, has been held wherever room was available.

“Until now, we’ve had to hold that class in offices and

work rooms,” Ramseyer said. “Now we can have a classroom.”

Classes are also being held in the Parent Teacher Organization’s parent center. Once the expansion is complete, the group may reclaim its center.

Ramseyer also said three special education teachers will no longer have to share space once the expansion is complete.

“We have faced numerous challenges due to limited space,” she said. “We are thrilled with this expansion.”

In other business, the board approved the following:

• Pay request No. 4 for \$58,484.09 to Siemens Building Technologies for the Energy Performance agreement

• To purchase 20 desktop computers from Howard Computers at \$1,065 each for a total of \$21,300

• To accept and award the low quote received from Eagle Energy for \$4,439.25 to purchase 4,500 gallons of diesel

• Marathon License and Support Agreement for the 2003-2004 school year with Central Access for \$27,300

• Annual renewal of Sam Central Maintenance with Central Access for \$11,400 for all school sites

• Annual renewal of Compass Learning Inc. basic service maintenance for 2003-2004 for \$10,250 for Hancock Middle and all elementary school sites

• To purchase, with vocational funds, computer equipment from Howard

Crash

accident and it was still under investigation Wednesday, Garber said. Those responding to the accident included sheriff’s deputies, West Hancock Volunteer Fire Fighters and American Medical Response.

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BUSINESS NEWS

The "Mississippi Miracle" continues to pay dividends

BY JAMES R. PONDER

Mayors from four regional casino markets told of the success gaming has brought to their communities during a Wednesday seminar at the 10th Annual Southern Gaming Summit in Biloxi.

Eddie Farve - Bay St. Louis, Keith Hightower - Shreveport, A.J. Holloway - Biloxi and Lorenzo Langford - Atlantic City all agreed that legalized gaming had been the turning point for improvement and that its success was far greater than any had imagined.

Each of the mayors spoke of facing a multitude of local issues and problems which existed prior to the arrival of gaming; poverty, high unemployment, lack of funds for much needed infrastructure improvements, etc.

"It brought back a sense of hope," Hightower stated of gaming.

"We went from not being able to buy new tires for our

old police cars to replacing the entire fleet," Holloway added.

Langford gave an overview of the rise and fall of the Atlantic City tourism industry. And its rebirth, thanks to gaming.

Some 5000 people are expected to attend the two day conference which concludes today. It features 18 diverse educational seminars and the largest gaming expo outside of Las Vegas, with over 200 exhibitors.

"Our slogan was 'Spend the Day in the Bay' because, before gaming we didn't have a hotel, motel or Bed and Breakfast where you and your family could spend the night," Farve said of Bay St. Louis. "The Mississippi Miracle, there are still so many disbelievers. There are still so many who will never understand how and why Mississippi and gaming have worked," Farve added.

"Bay Saint Louis is the perfect example of the

Mississippi Miracle. We are a small community, but our county was the first to legalize gambling on the Coast, much to the surprise of local Coast residents. Bay Saint Louis jumped out of the box to participate in a golden opportunity to jump-start a sluggish local economy with dim prospects of improvement," Farve explained.

"We have one casino, property taxes that have been reduced by 85% inexpensive utility rates, a thriving historic downtown with no commercial vacancies, a busy Highway 90 commercial district with state of the art technology development and praline kitchens still cooking every day, expanded hospital facilities, new and improved schools, a low unemployment rate, restored historic public buildings, new parks, playgrounds and a new public pier. We have these things because of the Mississippi Miracle in Bay Saint Louis."

"Some days it seems that someone did wave a magic wand over Bay Saint Louis when I think of where we were in 1990 and where we are more than a decade later. Would the Bay do it all over again? It's a good bet that we would," Farve proclaimed.

"People will be studying the Mississippi Miracle for many years to come. What a shame if they are only looking for a defeated community, they won't find one in Bay Saint Louis. Bay Saint Louis is out of the box and we aren't going back in," Farve concluded.

The mayor's session was part of the Diamond Decade Series, five seminars dedicated to the decade-long success of gaming in Mississippi.

Port director says cruise line interested in Gulfport location

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) - The State Port at Gulfport, which serves as the temporary dock for a Carnival Cruise line ship, is being considered by another cruise line, said Don Allee, the port's executive director.

Allee would not name the company on Thursday but said it's "one of the major carriers" in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We exchanged some information recently about the possibility of a regularly scheduled cruise service," said Allee. "It was an inquiry that I'm convinced we wouldn't have had ... had we not had the ability to demonstrate what we can do with the Conquest."

The Conquest, a 952-foot-long cruise ship, has been using the State Port at Gulfport for once-a-week cruises since March 9 because the rising Mississippi River and low-

slung power lines made it unsafe for the ship to dock at New Orleans.

Allee said the way the port was able to handle the ship on such short notice gained a good deal of attention.

The Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau recently began a \$30,000 advertising campaign using the Carnival voyages as the centerpiece. Officials had hoped the Conquest docking would attract a permanent cruise line.

When Carnival first diverted the ship to Gulfport, plans were for six weeks with the option of six more. Last weekend was the eighth.

"As long as the lower Mississippi is a threat, they're not going back," said Allee. "I would not be surprised if we saw more than 12 sailings."

Carnival spokesman Tim past three years. She is married to Gary Haygood. They have two children and they are members of Bowmar Baptist Church.

Former resident promoted

Amy Fayard-Haygood has been promoted to Assistant Vice President at Trustmark in Vicksburg. With eleven years of experience in the financial industry, she is the Branch Manager of the Main Office in Vicksburg. Haygood, a native of Bay St. Louis graduated from Mississippi State University with a BS in Business Management. She is the daughter of Anna Bell Fayard and the late Norvin J. Fayard. She is the President of Vicksburg Business and Professional Women's Club and serves as the Membership Chairman of the Business Network International. Previously Haygood has served as Treasurer for the Lion's Club International and is currently a member. She has been a Loaned Executive for United Way and was the Young Mississippi Vicksburg Chairman for the



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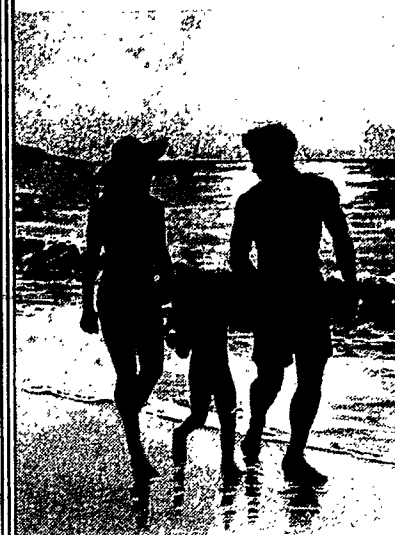
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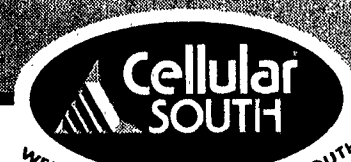
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EDITH DANTAGNAN

Edith Daigle Dantagnan, 99, died Monday, May 5, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Abram and Aline Daigle; her husband, A. G. Dantagnan; a son, A. G. Dantagnan Jr.; and a daughter, Maggie Dantagnan Hayden.

Survivors include daughters, Edie Dantagnan Piazza of Brooksville, Fla., and Julie Dantagnan Stearns of New Iberia, La.; one sister, Gloria Ford of Slidell, La.; her grandchildren, Holly Hayden, Patty Hayden, Lee Hayden Jr., Margaret Fristoe, Dan Hayden, Michael Hayden, Michelle Spicher, Renee Vaughan, John Piazza Jr., Phillip Piazza, Moira Dempsey, Rudy Shannon, Patrick Shannon, Bridget Hancock, Colleen Shannon, Laurie Shannon, Neal Shannon and Casey Shannon; 30 great-grandchildren; one great-great-

grandchild, and Roma Smith, her faithful friend and caregiver.

Mrs. Dan, as she was lovingly known, was born in Napoleonville, La., on Nov. 26, 1903. She moved to New Orleans as a child where she lived until moving permanently to the Coast in 1948. She was a graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans in 1925.

She co-founded Dantagnan Realty with her late husband in 1949 and was active in its operation until her death. Together they developed numerous subdivisions and commercial enterprises in Hancock County. She held a broker's license since 1958, the first year that the state of Mississippi required a license to sell real estate. She was part of a group who started the Gulfport Board of Realtors in 1958. She was a charter member of the Women's Council of Realtors for the State of Mississippi and assisted in the organization of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Woman's Council of Realtors. In 1970, she was the recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award, the first woman to be so honored on the coast. She was the first inductee to the West Gulf Coast Association of Realtors Hall of Fame and in the charter class of the State of Mississippi's Realtor Hall of Fame in 1994.

She was a charter member of the Altrusa Club of Bay St. Louis-Waveland and was their nominee for the Gayfer Career Woman award, which she received in 1994. She was a long time member of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Historical Society. She was a lifetime member of the Bay Waveland Garden Club and the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 9, and memorial services will be conducted Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis with interment following at Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. The family prefers memorials be made to the Edith Daigle Dantagnan Nursing Scholarship at Pearl River College, which is awarded to a graduate of Bay St. Louis High School.

VIRGINIA FRITH

Virginia Smithers Frith, 93, of Pass Christian, died Friday, May 2, 2003, in Gulfport.

A native of Toronto, Canada, and Cleveland, Ohio, she moved to Pass Christian in the early 1960s. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, the church library staff, and was past president of St. Monica's Guild and the Women of Trinity. She was a member of the Pass Christian Yacht

EUNICE MCGINITY

Eunice, Mary Lind McGinity, 30, died May 6, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. McGinity was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick Edward McGinity; a son, Michael McGinity; her parents, Zeno and Louisa Ladner Lind; a brother, Alphonse Lind; three sisters, Edna Poolson, Luvenia Carver and Alezia Garcia; and a grandson, Shawn Patrick Morel.

Survivors include two sons, Brother Patrick McGinity S.C. of Thibodaux, La., and Terry A. McGinity of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Kathleen LeBlanc of Bay St. Louis and Dr. Sherry Ponder of Waveland; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Club and served on the board of the Pass Christian Golf Club.

While living in Toronto, she was a member of the Toronto Golf Club, Toronto Ladies Club Badminton & Racquets Club and Cricket Club. She was on the board of the Toronto Junior League and Protestant Children's Home.

In Cleveland, she was a member of the Country Club and on the board of the CampFire Girls and was a member of The Society of the Blind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Rowland Frith. Survivors include one daughter, Leigh Frith Gale, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian on Wednesday. Burial will be private at Metairie Lake Lawn Cemetery.

The family prefers donations to the John R. Frith Memorial Scholarship Fund at Rothesay Netherwood School, 40 College Hill Rd., Rothesay, New Brunswick, Canada E2E5H1.

DOTTY HARDEMAN

Doty, Frances Hardeman, 76, died May 5, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Hardeman was a native of Clarksville, Tenn., and a resident of Kiln for the past 10 years. She was a member of the Bayou Talla Baptist Church in Kiln. She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution. She was with the U.S. Postal Service.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Thula Davis Freeman.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Hardeman of Kiln; a son, Christopher, and his wife, Peggy J. Hardeman, of Clarksville, Tenn.; and a sister, Sally Reynolds, of Erin, Tenn.

Visitation will be held today from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A memorial service will be held May 10 at 2 p.m. at Bayou Talla Baptist Church in Kiln.

JAMES HARVEY

James E. "Jim" Harvey, 60, of Diamondhead died Tuesday in Diamondhead.



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Visitation will be held Friday, May 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian burial will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow in Bayou LaCrosse Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Biloxi National Cemetery. Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

PERCY KENNEDY

Mr. Percy Eugene Kennedy, 86, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003 in Kiln, MS.

He was a native of Choctaw, MS and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Catholic Faith. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents Luther Monroe and Lillie Rhodus Speed.

Survivors include 2 sons, William Joseph Kennedy of Atlanta, GA; and Richard E. Kennedy of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 daughters, Connie Proctor of Carrollton, TX; Sandra Kennedy of Metairie, LA, and Cheryl Ladner of Lumberton, MS; 5 sisters, Anne Thomas of Miticello, AR, Minnie Freeman of San Antonio, TX, Myrtle Buitt of Andalusia, Bille Jean Nerl of Forrest Park, IL, Bobbye Rushing of Macomb, MS; 4 brothers, Carl Speed of Hammond, LA, Clarence Speed of Greensburg, MS, John Speed of Chatawa, MS; and James Speed of Ada, OK; 11 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren.

The Graveside service will be held on Friday, May 9, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

Interment will follow in Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

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MARY LeBLANC

Mary R. LeBlanc, 76, died Saturday, May 3, 2003 in Slidell, LA.

She was a native of New Orleans, former longtime resident of Chicago, IL and a resident of Slidell since 199. She was a Technical Engineer employed by NASA and General Time developing time and motion studies for the Apollo project, retiring from Werner Electric. She was a member of Sew and Sews and Ozone Woods Homemaker Clubs.

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The family of Dorothy Bounds would like to thank Dr. Crittenden, Pam, Lisa, Rose, Brian, Philip, Lionel, the staff and nurses at Hancock Medical Center, Father John, Miss Jean, the Bereavement Committee, and all friends and relatives for being there when we needed them. The Sea Coast Echo for the nicely written obituary.

From the Children: Linda, Tommy, Otis, Peggy Jo, Terry, Nancy, Peggy Sue, Bruce, Rodney and Michelle.

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She was preceded in death by her husband M. Joseph LeBlanc. Survivors include, 3 sons, Edward Howell of Arlington Heights, IL; Robert Howell of Tulsa, OK; Alcee LeBlanc of Slidell, LA; 3 daughters, Katherine H. Pinn of Waveland, MS; Theresa H. Hewitt of Ellsworth, WI; and Betty H. Sloma of Slidell, LA. Also survived by 23 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Sunday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Services will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 8:30 p.m. at Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Blvd. West (in Forest Lawn Cemetery), Slidell, LA.

Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.

Honaker Funeral Home, Inc. in Slidell, LA is in charge of the arrangements.

GERAY MUSACCHIA

Geray Musacchia, 38, of Metairie, LA, died Sunday, May 4, 2003 in Pearlinton, Ms.

His body was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home in Bay St. Louis, MS, to the Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans, LA, for Services and Burial.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

EARLINE RUHR

Earline Martha Fayard Ruhr, 67, died Monday, May 5, 2003 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ruhr was a native and of New Orleans, LA, and a longtime resident of Waveland. She was of the Catholic Faith and a member of St. Clare's Catholic Church. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #77 in Waveland. She was a Crossing Guard for Waveland Elementary School for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Roy M. Ruhr, Sr.; her parents, Edward G. & Mary Alice Lucille McWarter Fayard, Sr.; 2 brothers, Edward G. Fayard, Jr. and Kenneth G. Fayard, Sr. Survivors include 2 sons, Roy M. Ruhr, Jr. of Bay St. Louis; and Andrew Ruhr of Ansley; a daughter,

Charmaine A. Ruhr of Waveland; 2 brothers Reginald A. Fayard, Sr. of Waveland and Richard J. Fayard, Sr. of Bay St. Louis. Also has 6 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 7, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 8:00 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

A Prayer Service will be held Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Interment will follow at Waveland Cemetery in Waveland.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the Arrangements.

EDNA VANSICKLE

Edna Gartman VanSickle, 81 of Saucier, died Friday, May 2, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. VanSickle was of the Baptist faith and she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmar C. and Senorah Ladnier; her husband,

Howard VanSickle; one son, Jerry and his wife Glinda Gartman of Gulfport; three daughters, Sherry Triplett of Gulfport; Linda and her husband Billy Hickman of Lyman; Jenell and her husband Robert Tompkins of Saucier; two brothers, Clifton Ladner and Dennis Ladner, Pass Christian; two sisters, Emily Weaver, Saucier, and Emma Boone, Pass Christian; 14 grandchildren, Jared Gartman, Craig Gartman, Glen Gartman, Theresa Gartman, Charlotte Garcia, Darren Triplett, Derrick Triplett, Durvin Triplett, Brad Triplett, Dustin Triplett, Tyler Hickman, Tamara Cuevas, Jennifer Moran, Staci Tompkins; 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, May 5, 2003, at 4 p.m. at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport with burial in Wolf River Cemetery.



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Hancock Women's Club to meet today

The Hancock Women's Club held their April 10 luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Waveland. Charles Gray of the Historical Society was the Guest Speaker. Gray entertained the Club with many stories of the history of Hancock County. The Club voted to donate \$500 to the new Waveland Library. President Amelia

Killeen and Treasurer Dorothy Kingsmill presented the check to Ms. Prima Plauché at the main library in Bay St. Louis.

The next meeting will be May 8 at 11:00 am at Favre's on the Bayou. Raffle tickets are available from members for a "Wine and Cheese Basket" drawing at the May meeting. Members

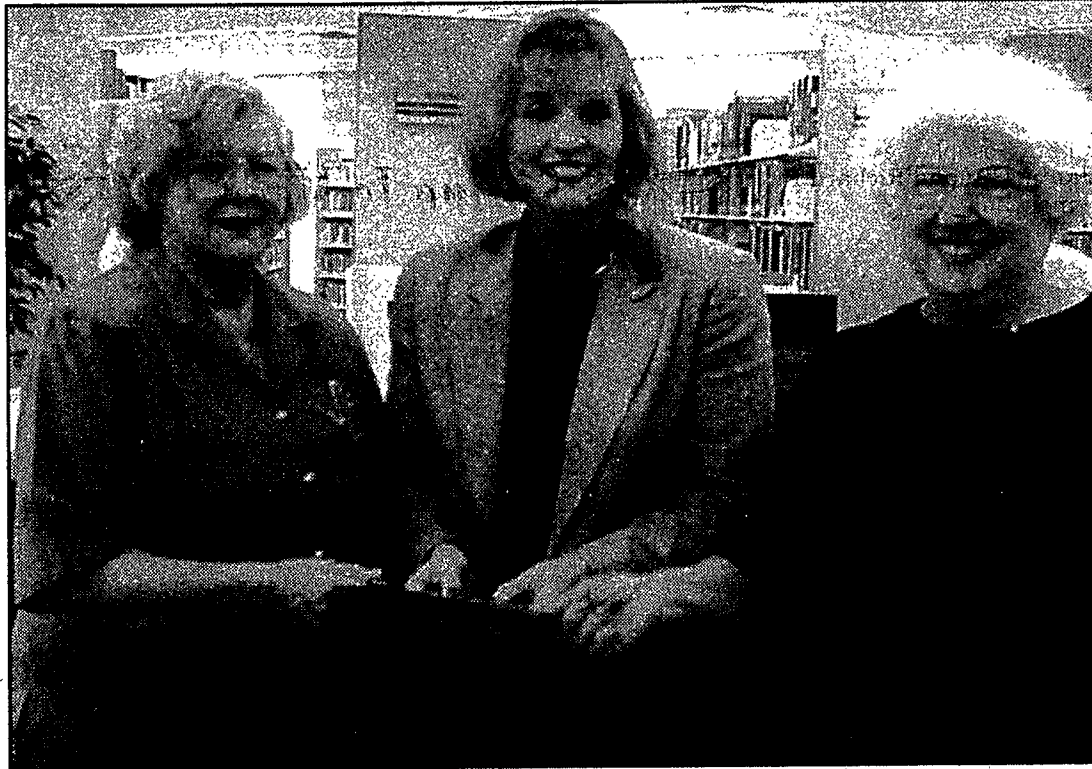
are asked to bring their cutting to the May meeting. Ms. Polly Cuevas of Pine Hill Nursery will speak on the care and nurturing of the cuttings. Suggestions for a theme for the 2003 Christmas Tree contest at the Bay Library will be discussed.

The Club is planning a lunch and theater date on

May 18 at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater presentation of "Noises Off." Please contact President Killeen at 467-0589 for information and reservations.

The Club will be on summer hiatus until September.

The Hancock Women's Club's purpose is to have fun while helping local charities with donations. Please call Ms. Killeen at 467-0589 to learn more about the HWC.



From right: Amelia Killeen, Prima Plauché, Dorothy Kingsmill.

Bay St. Louis youth cheerleading & football registration begins

The Bay St. Louis Youth Cheerleading and Football League will be registering children between the ages of 6-12 for the upcoming 2003 season. We will register the following dates:

May 12, 2003 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. McDonald Field & BSI, Baseball Complex

May 13, 2003 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. McDonald Field & BSI, Baseball Complex

May 16, 2003 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. BSL Baseball Complex

May 27, 2003 6:00

p.m. - 8:00 p.m. McDonald Field & BSI, Baseball Complex

May 29, 2003 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. McDonald Field & BSI, Baseball Complex. The cost for complete cheerleading package will be \$115.00. This includes a new uniform, new, pompons, bloomers, bow, and socks. If you are a returning cheerleader you will only need to purchase the items that you need. A \$30.00 registration fee will apply to anyone not purchasing a complete package.

The fee for early registration (until May 31, 2003) for football will be \$40 for the first child and \$35 for the second child. After May 31, 2003, the cost will be \$45 per child.

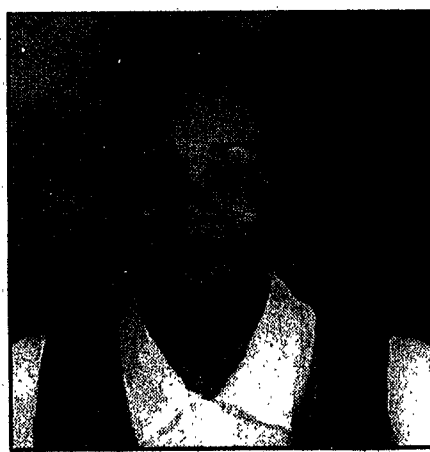
All new cheerleaders and football players must bring a copy of your birth certificate to registration. If you would like to know any more information about cheerleading, you may contact Tammy Woods at 467-7506 after 6:00 p.m. For more information regarding football, you may contact Bruce Morreale at 467-5691.

St. Rock UMC honors Mother of the Year

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St. Rock United Methodist Church at 301 Herlihy St., Waveland, Ms. will honor Mrs. Shannon Bush as mother of the

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Old Town heats up for Second Saturday Artwalk 2003

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They always dreamed of having a branch store on the coast and Bay St. Louis seemed to be the ideal spot for their antiques and home furnishings. Their new

satellite store specializes in country antiques from England, Ireland and Europe. Their workshop in New Orleans where several cabinetmakers build

furniture from old Louisiana and Mississippi salvaged woods, will also serve new customers on the Gulf Coast. To compliment their antiques mid custom designed furniture, they offer decorative accessories and gifts.

Millicent and Sid Charbonnet, the owners have been joined by their daughter and son-in-law Millicent and Mark Britton

to staff the Bay St. Louis store. The Brittons are also residents of the coast. "We are thrilled to be in Bay St. Louis and all the local merchants and residents have made us feel so welcomed" Said Millicent Jr.

The newest Charbonnet & Charbonnet Antiques is located in Old Town on the corner of North Beach and Main St. They are looking forward to becoming a vital part of the Bay St. Louis community.

The Bungalow, 136 Main St. Please join out five merchants as we celebrate our 4th anniversary. The Bay

Shoppe (linens, china, etc), Bayberry Gallery (paintings), Bay Mardi Gras (ceramic mask, etc), Stained Glass By Richie (finished works, blown glass items, glass and supplies), and Quilt Stuff (supplies, quilts, vest and more).

From 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM refreshments will be served, you are invited to come by and meet our artist.

Brandi Benson and Bob Foster who will demonstrate how they create their ceramic Mardi Gras mask.

Pat Ward and Ann Morris present mixed media of art at the Bungalow. The artist

emphasize subjects of local interest, including marine life, beach scenes, and still life. Both artists are past students of the Baton Rouge Academy of Fine Arts. Mr. Ward is a resident of Waveland and Ms. Morris of Lacombe, Louisiana.

Rochele Hughes newest wine glasses are now available. These glass beaded decorated wine glasses are beautiful.

Stained Glass artist Riche Zitzmann will be showing his Fairy Fan Pulls and panels including "White and Blue Calla Lillies". Also included in his

show will be blown glass

paperweights, hummingbird feeders and hanging vases by Russell Voss and Tommy Buford. Richie offers a full line of supplies, glass and books and will share information about his classes.

Quilt Stuff will host guest quilter Vera Bowers and a gaggle of quilters. Come by and visit as Vera shows you how to band quilt.

Peoples Bank will sponsor the music of Bobby Allison in the 100 block of Main St.

Chairman: Richie Zitzmann 228-467-6870.

NASA scientist's 'Flaming Sculptures' featured

DeNeice Guest, a recent transplant to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, will be showing a new body of work at Quarter Moon Gallery in Bay St. Louis beginning May 10.

An opening reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. during the Second Saturday Artwalk. Pieces on display will include bug-eyed ceramics busts - some with flames shooting from their mouths - that DeNeice sometimes calls her "Church Ladies."

These unique sculptures are a "must see" element of this month's Second Saturday event.

Guest, a scientist for Lockheed Martin, has been working as an artist part-time for the past 20 years. She has focused on ceramics for the past 13 years, but she is an accomplished water-colorist as well. She also has experience with stained glass, fused glass, hotglass, paper-making, mosaic tile work and mural painting. The inspiration for this current collection is drawn from 13 years of watching people, and particularly their hats and dress, at Jazz Fest in New Orleans.

"The collection is a great example of humor on the fly," Guest says. "I start with an idea of what I'd like to see happen with the piece, then the 'Church Lady' takes over and dictates the final look."

The hand-built works range in size and form, utilizing an extensive variety of matte glazes. In addition to the Church Lady collection, she will also exhibit a large "school" of luminous ceramic fish wall art. The fish motif transitions with the Church Ladies, as some of the busts depict "fish people."

Guest's flaming busts are very compelling and popular pieces. The flaming pieces are beautifully burnished pieces of terracotta, fashioned as women of



Just a few of DeNeice Guest's Flaming Sculptures.

ample proportions, with flames shooting out of their mouths. DeNeice's husband, Mark Guest, a local jazz musician, commissioned the first flaming piece.

"These pieces are amazing," said Mark. "The pieces are all nonfunctional, but DeNeice is working hard to develop a reputation as a 'dysfunctional artist.'"

DeNeice notes, "Good art does not always match the furniture. Many of these pieces are perfect for gift items as well. They are humorous and have tremendous amounts of personality. This allows people to give something highly personal that will be appreciated for years."

The opening reception will take place at the Quarter Moon Gallery during the Second Saturday Artwalk in Bay St. Louis, from 5-8 p.m.

The artist will be on hand to discuss designs, techniques and sources of inspiration.

The gallery will also feature live music and refreshments. DeNeice is Quarter Moon Gallery's "featured artist" this month and her pieces will be on display through June 13th.

Quarter Moon Gallery is located at 146 Main Street

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Randolph featured at Serenity Gallery

Brenda Randolph is the featured artist at Serenity Gallery for the Second Saturday Artwalk from 5-8 pm On May 10th. Gallery owner, Jerry Dixon, always looks forward to showing Randolph's mixed media creations. Besides being the most popular artist ever to show at Serenity, he says her artworks vividly capture the imaginative spirit in which they were born. One of his favorites for this show is a dazzling array of "organic shapes mosaic" on a gold leafed sheet of plexiglass - appropriately entitled Fanciful Flow.

Dixon is also intrigued by other people's fascination with Randolph's artworks. Jim Ballard, musician and former Bay St. Louis resident, created music inspired by her works. Color therapists interpreted her art works for their clients and doctors, lawyers and hospitals have bought them for



their waiting rooms and their homes. The jewel-like quality and colors immediately capture the viewer's attention. Randolph has always been attracted by color, and as usual she pleases her audience with wonderful juxtaposition of shapes and form. She works in a variety of mediums, including non-traditional, expressionistic, mixed media and three dimensional mosaics and paints. The show will run from May 10th until June 13th, 2003.

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THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

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SARS and stripes forever

The American Way
By Geoff Belcher

Okay, if you're worried to death about contracting SARS, raise your right hand.

Now, take that hand, reach for the remote, and turn off the TV.

There. Feel better? I know I do.

NOW QUIT WORRYING ABOUT STUPID STUFF JUST BECAUSE WOLF BLITZER AND STONE PHILLIPS TOLD YOU TO!!!

Yes, SARS - or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (which, oddly enough, is both severe AND acute) - is apparently a terrible disease. It is swift-moving, easily-communicable and fatal in about 20 percent of the 300 or so cases that have been reported.

In China. Granted, Chinese officials initially underreported the total number of people afflicted with the disease, but all told, at most maybe 1,000 people can be counted as SARS victims.

In China. A country with a population in excess of one BILLION. That's like ... uhh ... well, if I were any good at math, I could tell you an actual percentage. But it's tiny. Like maybe a negative 10 percent, something in that range.

Now obviously, many cases have been diagnosed in Canada and even a few in the United States. It's terrible. I feel badly for the victims of the disease and their families.

And I'm sure officials at the World Health Organization thought they were doing the right thing by issuing travel warnings for Beijing and Toronto. They probably saved some lives and helped to contain the spread of the disease.

But the 24-hour news cycle has blown this sucker waaaaay out of proportion, to the extreme detriment of China's and Canada's economies. Before too long, that will also affect our economy.

Let's put this into a realistic perspective: According to *Time Magazine*, in the past year alone, approximately 36,000 people worldwide have died from the flu. Plain, boring old influenza.

You don't see anybody going spastic over that.

And since the time that SARS was first diagnosed and CNN and MSNBC turned it into the greatest plague to ever affect mankind, fewer people have died from it than have died from dengue fever.

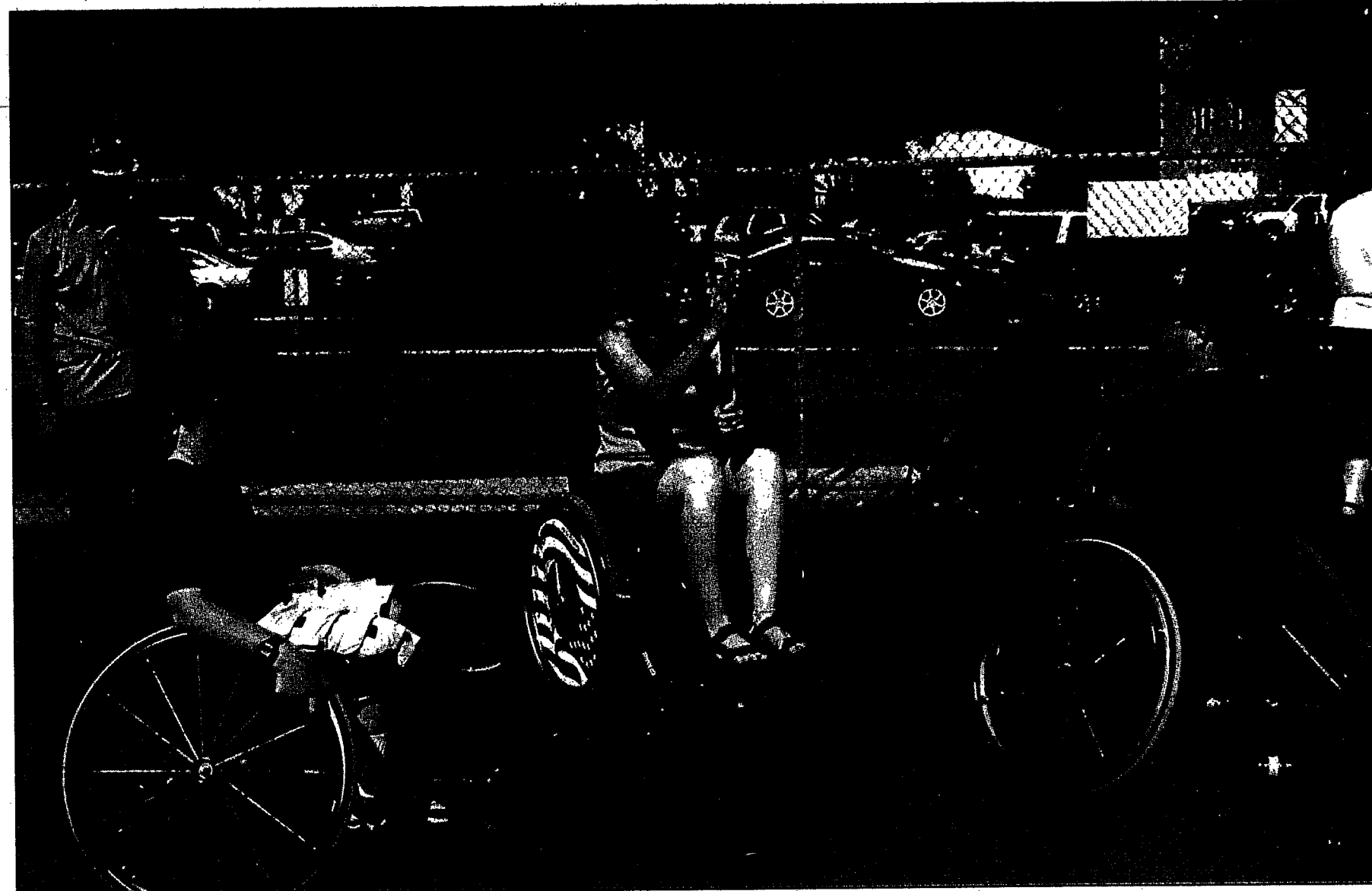
I'll say that again.

Dengue fever.

Do you even know what dengue fever is? I don't, although I know Delbert McClinton sang about a

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Back in the Game



Recreation Coordinator Holly Patterson, center, offers some tennis tips to D. W. Green, left, and C. L. "Charlie" Boykin right. The young men were trying out the new sports wheel chairs available free through the Toy Library and Technology Learning Center at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Echo Staff Photos by Bennie Shallbetter

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Increased independence and the hope for a better life for the disabled are what the people at the Toy Library and Technology Learning Center (TLC) at the University of Southern Mississippi in Long Beach are offering. And with increasingly new technology they are able make that offer to more and more people every day.

A day playing in the sand and water at the beach, a round of golf, a tennis match or a leisurely day catching fish for dinner, activities able bodied people take for granted, are now within the reach of the disabled. Equipment available free of charge from TLC is helping both local residents and disabled tourists enjoy more of the fun our area has to offer. Adapted equipment is breaking down the barriers that once existed to keep the disabled from enjoying the same activities as the able bodied.

This past week, two local residents and sports enthusiasts, D.W. Green and Charlie Boykin, enjoyed the liberating experience that the

new equipment offers. Though both participate in wheelchair competition games, neither had ever been able to try their hand at a round of golf or a game of tennis.

The adapted golf cart, the "Model Tee," is the newest acquisition at TLC, acquired through a grant from the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. The cart is the only one of its kind available in the southeastern region of the U.S. The grant also furnished the center with a set of specially adapted

golf clubs. Both will be housed at the Tramark Golf course in Gulfport.

Built light and safe, the Model

Tee is able to go on the putting green without damaging the turf.

LIBRARY-PAGE 4B



The Toy Library at USM offers numerous recreational options to the physically challenged, allowing them to go where they could not go before. D. W. Green is enjoying a day at the beach thanks to the center's beach wheel chairs.

1963 - Groundbreaking for NASA Mississippi Test Operations at Gainesville changed several times

TEN YEARS AGO

April 18, 1993 - Former Hancock County resident Evelyn McPhail will resign her position as Mississippi Republican Party chairman to accept a job with the GOP National Committee in Washington. Yazoo native Halley Barbour, GOP national party chairman, named McPhail to the post. She will serve as political education director. She will work towards building local and state Republican organizations at the grassroots level across the country.

-Casino Magic will substantially increase the number of slot machines and gaming tables in its

Bay St. Louis casino in early May. Approximately 750 slot machines and 40 gaming tables added to the casino will bring the total to 1,830 slot machines and 104 gaming tables. The Dubuque Casino Belle, a 387-foot vessel designed after a 19th Century side-wheeler, will be moored to Casino Magic's Bay St. Louis Casino through at least mid-September.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 24, 1983 - Morning Edition Coffee, a function of the Chamber of Commerce's Special Events Committee, will convene Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Landmark Townsquare

Restaurant, Main Street, Bay St. Louis. Hancock Insurance Agency will sponsor this month's Morning Edition. A new slide presentation on Hancock County, "A Place for Everyone," will be presented by Stewart Nelson, member of the chamber's Publicity Committee. Nelson is special assistant to the commanding officer and director of the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, NSTL.

-Hancock County's employment rate decreased slightly in March based on a current State Employment Service report. The report shows a March jobless figure of 12.7

percent which is two tenths of a percentage point lower than the previous-record breaking figure of the previous month.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 25, 1963 - The ritual of the formal groundbreaking of NASA's Mississippi Test Operations won't be until some time in the summer...maybe. That's the word from MTO headquarters on a picturesque bluff above the Pearl River at Gainesville although they aren't issuing any formal releases on the postponement. Originally it was announced that the formal ceremonies marking the launching of MTO would be

last fall--November. A few weeks ago Wednesday, May 15, was fixed as the tentative date. Several days later it was moved back to "the following week, probably May 21," so various dignitaries would be here.

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Second Street Elementary 3rd nine weeks honor roll

5th Grade

Alpha

Anderson, Brittany
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Bishop, Tiffany
Brister, Timothy
Broadhead, Chad
Cassibry, LeAnn
Feigel, Brittany
Chasez, Austa
Cuevas, Lyndi
Davis, Rainee
Favre, Skyler
Gooding, Rose
Johnston, Kyle
Lewis, Damien
Lusco, Victoria
Mallini, Ashley
McKay, Michelle
Mirandy, Jonathan
Myrick, Stephanie
Narcisse, Devon
Nilges, Christopher
Patterson, Danica
Prevou, Cynthia
Schoonmaker, Chelsea
Spell, Caitlyn
Tenney, Lizzie
Tenney, Samuel
Torres, Ashleigh
Whitcomb, Gabrielle
Womack, Brett
Woodmansee, Chaunce

5th Grade

Beta

Adams, Elizabeth
Baudin, Steven
Bolinger, Thomas
Bridges, Keante
Caldwell, Dakota

Cardinale, Anthony

Chatman, Megan
Coffey, Carissa
Daniels, Jonathan
Dougherty, Brittany
Fontenot, Patrick
George, Zachary
Gill, Alexander
Gillmore, Brianna
Griffith, Shedarra
Harris, Megan
Harvey, Greg
Jackson, Gabrielle
Johnson, Britney
Johnson, Demetry
Johnson, Shannon
Johnson, Taylor
Jones, Jasmine
LaFontaine, Meggie
Lam, Katheline
Levy, Chelsea
Lewis, Kelonda
Lyons, Kristian
Mannion, Rachel
Marino, Loretta
Miller, Brandon
Mitchell, Brandon
Perry, Craig
Pepperman, Nicole
Pursley, Jordan
Radtke, Nikole
Royal, Cody
Salter, Zach
Seitz, Christopher
Smith, Victoria
Stevenson, Alexandria
Stong, Chris
Stieff, Brennan
Szezeblewski, Tori
Taylor, E.J.
Taylor, Michael

Williams, Terrance

Wilson, Jarrod

4th Grade

Alpha

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Boob, Luke
Carver, Kimberly
Cross, Katelyn
Dailey, Katie
Daley, Bernadette
Davalos, Alexandra
Davis, Chasity
El Hamaki, Mia
Esquivel, Christina
Favre, Allison
Floyd, Corey
Griffith, Sheniqua
Harris, William
Hart, Breanna
Hoffmann, Adele
Ishikawa, Kirsten
Island, Rory
James, Haley
Jones, Bruce
Keim, Maddison
Kitchens, Brandon
LaFontaine, Braxton
Lapniewski, Chris
Lawler, Whitley
Lawrence, Colin
Lewis, Shekinah
Lymuel, Erin
Miller, Brooke
Rush, Xavier
Rushing, Alex
Scaffidi, Dean
Sollberger, Sam
Sutherland, Jordan
Thomas, Brice

Thomas, Hilary

Watson, Dasia
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Whitcomb, Courtney
Wilkinson, Ashlee
Williams, Nathan
Woodson, Kasey
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Bacot, Cole
Bell, Jarrett
Berendsen, Angelique
Bilbo, Devin
Black, Reni
Breedon, Sam
Brown, Cindy

Buehler, Warren
Carter, Adam
Coe, Cole
Cool, Savannah
Craft, Zachery
Drew, Dale
Duvernay, Evianta
Ellis, Theron
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Spoon, Daniel
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Williams, Brigett
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Wyatt, Aaron

Local students among spring grads at Mississippi State Univ.

More than 2,100 Mississippi State students are candidates for degrees at the conclusion of the 2003 spring semester.

Graduation exercises will be held May 10 at 1:15 p.m. in Humphrey Coliseum. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Richard Holmes, the first African-American to attend Mississippi State and a new

member of its student health center medical staff.

All bachelor's-degree students with exceptional scholastic averages and at least half the total required course hours earned at MSU are graduated with honors.

Their specific levels of recognition and the minimum required averages for each, based on a 4.0 scale,

include: summa cum laude, 3.80; magna cum laude, 3.60; and cum laude, 3.40.

The academic honors are recorded on the graduates' diplomas and permanent records, as well as in the commencement program.

Local students graduating include: Jay K. Knight, Bay St. Louis; Jolene M. Page, Kiln; Sheryl J. Tassenlin, Diamondhead.

Spotlight On Dining 2003

O'Neal's Restaurant

For seventeen years now, Mississippians have had the good fortune to eat at O'Neal's Restaurants. The newest location of O'Neal's is in Bay St. Louis behind Burger King. O'Neal's is known for their delicious po-po-boys thus their well earned slogan "Home of the Best Shrimp Po-Boy." However, the menu at O'Neal's has everything from soup to steak. The appetizer selection is varied and from my own experience is served swiftly and generously. The soups are homemade daily and can be anything from a creamy clam chowder to a savory tomato basil. The salads at O'Neal's are always fresh and crisp.

The house specialties are not for the tiny appetite. My favorite is the Chicken Alfredo. Generous portions of shrimp of chicken are served over fettuccine with a salad for only \$8.25.

The seafood platters at O'Neal's come with coleslaw, fries & hushpuppies and can be prepared fried or broiled if requested.

The steaks at O'Neal's are char grilled to perfection and are served with house salad and baked potato or fries. Might I suggest the Surf-N Turf, an 8 oz filet with your choice of fish or shrimp. The sandwiches and wraps at O'Neal's are unsurpassed and over stuffed. Good luck trying to keep all the shrimp on your po-boy or in your wrap. O'Neal's in Bay St. Louis is family friendly, and during May & June from 5pm to close, kids 10 and under can eat free from the kids menu with a paying adult.

An all you can eat catfish special is served Mon.-Sat. from 5pm till close for only \$7.95.

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SPORTS

Rocks are runners-up at South State

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The 2003 Class 2A and 4A South State Track and Field Championships were held at Hancock High School in Kiln on Saturday. Bay High, Our Lady Academy, and St. Stanislaus all had athletes in the competition. The Rock-a-chaws fared the best as a team finishing in second place overall with 72 points to Port Gibson's 163 points in Class 4A boys action. It was the Rocks' highest finish at South State since 1990 when they won the title.

OLA finished with 53 points in 2A girls competition which was good enough for sixth place overall. The Bay High Tigers will send their 4x400m relay team to the state championships on Friday, May 9 in Jackson.

The top four finishers in each event advance to the state championship meet in Jackson on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10th.

The Bay High Tigers advance in the 4x400m relay with a third place finish and a time of 3:32.60.

Ashton Johnson of OLA was the Crescent's highest qualifier finishing second in the discus with a throw of

94' 8 1/2". Jennifer Asper qualified in two events for OLA. She will compete in the 1600m and 3200m runs after finishing third in each event with times of 5:53.90 and 12:40.50, respectively.

Margaret Rittner crossed the line in fourth place in the 400m dash with a time of 1:06.27 to advance to the state meet.

The Crescents' 4x400m relay team qualified to run in the state meet finishing fourth with a time of 4:36.00.

The Rocks were led by double-winner Kyle Lewis. The junior phenom won the 1600m and 3200m races with times of 4:38.00 and 9:59.26, respectively. He also qualified in the 800m run crossing the line in fourth place with a time of 2:04.90.

Allen Leone placed third overall in the 800m run with a time of 2:01.90 to advance to the state championships.

Troy Johnston advanced in the 3200m run with a third place finish in 11:00.69. Frederick Mallini is still alive in the shotput with a second place finish and a distance of 49' 5 1/2".

Nick Weinman threw the

discus 121' for a third place finish and the opportunity to compete at the state championships.

Jake Johnson was the final qualifier for the Rocks in the pole vault with a second place finish. Johnson cleared 11' to advance.

SSC head coach Steve Flannery stated, "I am very excited that the team has had such a tremendous season thus far. Our performance to this point has exceeded our expectations at the beginning of the season. Even though we did not qualify everyone that we brought to the South State meet, I am very pleased with the performance."

"The ones who did not qualify had very impressive years and will be returning next season."

"As far as the state meet is concerned, I am excited about our prospects. We are looking forward to finishing strong in the team standings on Friday. Plus, there should be some outstanding performances, individually. Allen Leone still has a great race left in him for Friday and could medal. Kyle Lewis has an opportunity to win one or both the 1600m

and 3200m races. Jake Johnson and Frederick Mallini both are in good positions to medal in the pole vault and the shotput, respectively. Nick Weinman and Troy Johnston have not reached their potential for this year, yet. I am very eager to see what we can do."

The final standings in Class 4A boys were Port Gibson with 163 points, SSC 72, Picayune 60, McComb 56, Poplarville 45, Raymond 37, Quitman 34, Vancleave 31, D'Iberville 25, George County 22, Brookhaven 16, Laurel 10, Gautier, South Jones 8, Northeast Lauderdale 8, Terry 8, Bay High 7, West Jones 6, East Central 6, and Lawrence County with 4 points.

The final standings for the 2A girls were St. Andrews of Jackson with 137 points, Hinds AHS 67, Mercy Cross 64, East Marion 62, Newton 60, OLA 53, Taylorsville 33, William Sullivan 29, Piney Woods 20, South Leake 15, Lumberton 14, Wesson 13, St. John of Gulfport 10, McLaurin 8, Seminary 7, Perry Central 7, North Forrest 2, Richton 1, and Sumrall with 1 point.

St. Stanislaus to dedicate new gym

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Saint Stanislaus will dedicate its new Fitness Center on Friday, May 9, 2003, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

The Fitness Center houses locker rooms, the Blaize Gymnasium, a modern strength training facility, and coaches offices as well as classroom space for health classes.

Dedication ceremonies, which will begin at 2:00 p.m., will include a blessing of the facility by Bishop Thomas J. Rodi, the Bishop of Biloxi.

A reception will follow, and the Fitness Center will be open for public tours until 6:00 p.m.

Future plans for the campus include a Fine Arts Facility, expanded library space, and renovations and additions to the Athletic Complex.

Saint Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum which is primarily college preparatory.



Students exercise with equipment in the weight room of the new Saint Stanislaus Fitness Center.

Hawks host region golf championships

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks and Diamondhead hosted the Region 3-5A golf tournament last week.

The Oak Grove Warriors claimed the team title with

a score of 321. Meridian finished as runner-up with 343 followed by Brandon with 344, Wayne County 345, Petal 347, Hattiesburg 363, Hancock 374, and Natchez with 433.

Matt Fast of Oak Grove

was low medalist with a 71. Other team members for Oak Grove that advance to the state championships this week are Kevin Morris (86), Timothy Franks (80), Matt Geroux (84), and Cory Norton (89).

The Hancock team was made up of Zack Bass (90), Justin Kopf (99), J.J. Averill (96), Mark Hussey (89), and Jon McShane (DNS).

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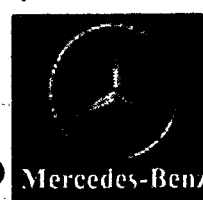
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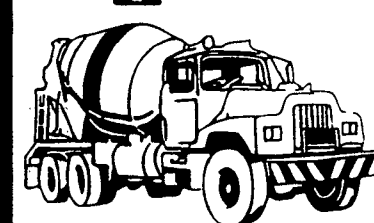
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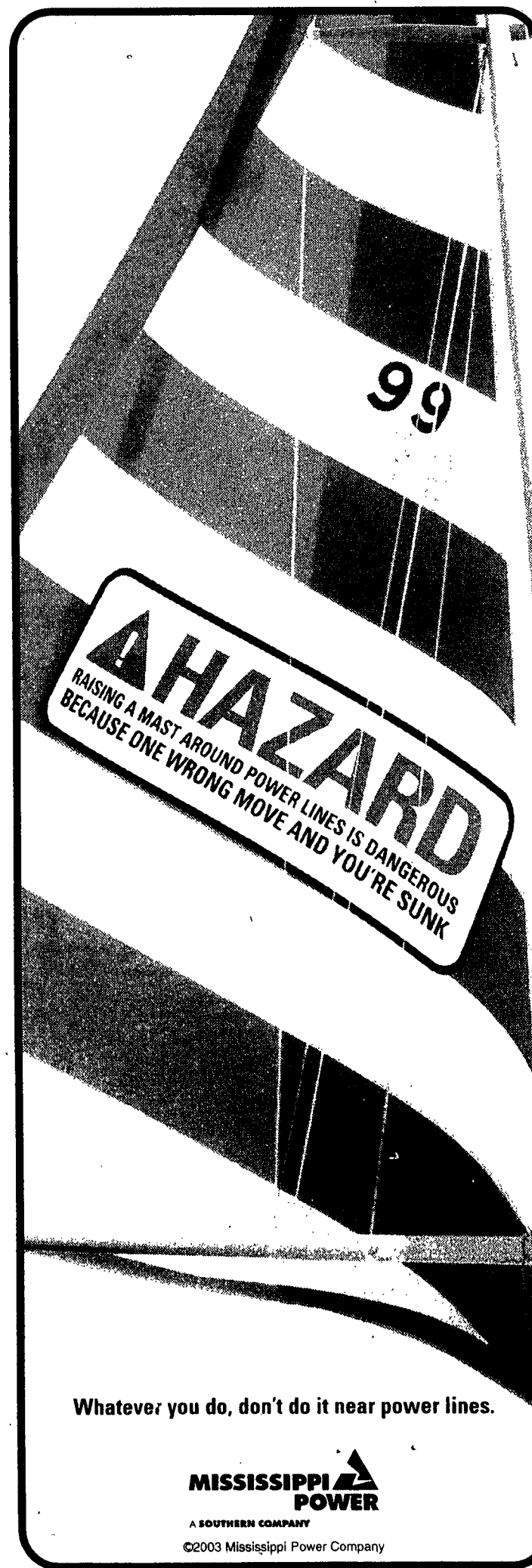
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Library -- back in the game

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The unique footrest moves with the seat and enables a person to rotate 360 degrees without physically moving his or her legs. This allows players to conserve energy. The footrest can be removed if the golfer prefers. The golf bag attaches with Velcro straps on either side of the cart.

The set of golf clubs specially designed to support someone who is sitting down while hitting a golf ball, includes one 12 degree adaptive driver with graphite shaft (14 degrees reduced lie angle), two adaptive putters, one adult and one junior, eight irons, six adult and two junior, and three fairway woods, two adult and one junior.

Another new acquisition for TLC are four all sport chairs which enable a disabled athlete to enjoy tennis, basketball and softball, and which can even be customized for rugby. The chair differs from regular chairs in many ways but especially in its light, quick turning capability. Patterson said the center hopes to be able to bring in special coaches, like Tammy Howell, who coaches the Rolling Hurricanes wheelchair basketball team in Biloxi, to help local athletes perfect the use of the equipment. Equipment may be borrowed from the center or the Donal Snyder Center in Biloxi.

Other equipment available for use this summer from TLC will make it possible for the disabled to enjoy two of the coast's favorite pastimes, spending time at the beach and fishing. Eight beach wheelchairs and nine adaptive fishing units are available through the cen-



The newest addition to the Toy Library's recreational equipment is the golf wheel chair, making it possible for Charlie Boykin to pursue his interest in golf for the first time.

ter. Adaptive flotation devices and continuous swim gear are also available for people who want to do more than just put their feet in the water.

Chairs are on site at the center, the JL Scott Marine Education Center and Buccaneer State Park. Chairs can be borrowed from the center for out of state trips, by visitors in the area, for camping trips, or for just about any purpose. Most chairs are borrowed for a weekend but they can be kept for a week or two, or longer even, with prior arrangements, said Patterson. One area family borrowed a chair to take their mother, who had been diagnosed with a neurological disorder that kept her in a wheel chair, to Dauphin Island. She had enjoyed

many wonderful hours walking on the beach there with her husband before he passed away. The chair enabled her to once again take "walks" on the beach and share memories of times past.

Adaptive fishing equipment at the center has enabled even quadriplegics to enjoy fishing again as independent people, without having to ask for help from others. Electric reels and spring-loaded fishing poles enable disabled fishermen to do something they could not do until now, the chance to cast and reel in their own line. Special charters are also available in the area to enable fishermen to enjoy deep sea fishing.

Fishing equipment is available at the center, the Ocean Springs YMCA, the

Biloxi Welcome Center, the JL Scott Center and Buccaneer Park.

For more information on borrowing this equipment and other services at the TLC call 867-2636. Delivery service of equipment is available on a limited basis, mostly during the week, though Patterson said the center will do all they can to accommodate the needs of the people who call them.

"If we just have to make a delivery on a weekend, then we will make every effort to do that," she said. "Even if that means I have to do it personally. We want as many people as possible to know about the equipment and use it."

All equipment at the center is available for use at no cost.

Way -- SARS

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"Dengue Woman," and the whole thing sounds very unsavory.

Which is exactly why everybody and his third cousin is now terrified of SARS.

In the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 24-hour cable news channels needed an easily-packaged, panic-striking on-going story so they could have something else to show every 15 minutes after another bomb plowed into Baghdad. SARS fit the bill perfectly. A rapidly-spreading disease with flu-like symptoms and no known cause. Everybody could relate to it, everybody could fear it and the details weren't so gruesome as to make discussing it too uncomfortable.

So SARS Wars was born, but it was basically a subplot.

Now that the war has

wound down, the whole SARS panic has been expanded a hundred-fold to fill the news-cycle vacuum. It's now the feature presentation, with an Iraqi museum-looting interlude and incessant previews from the upcoming summer blockbuster, "Scott Peterson Killed his Pregnant Wife."

Recently, SARS was the cover story on *Time*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*; was a major story in virtually every national newspaper; and was featured in-depth every hour on the hour on CNN, Fox, C-NBC and MSNBC.

Headlines and soundbites like "12 more die from SARS" "SARS spreads to U.S." and "SARS is gonna get you" were everywhere.

It's understandable, of course.

Rampant fear means more people want to know what's going on RIGHT

NOW, which means tuning in to the cable news channels, which means higher ratings and, in turn, more ad revenue.

Every news medium has done it to some extent, and has for years. How often have you seen a "news-break" on a New Orleans channel, inviting you to tune in to the 6 o'clock report to "Find Out What Common Household Item May Endanger Your Health," or warning you that you absolutely must catch the special investigative report at 10 to find out "How to Stop Your Dog from Exploding."

Even The Sea Coast Echo has been accused of bolstering our coverage of the local news with "murder, mayhem and sensationalism."

I contend that isn't true - there are probably a few people who will tell you there's absolutely nothing

sensational about us - but even if it were, a twice-weekly dose probably wouldn't kill you.

Watching it every hour on the hour, however, could at the very least get your blood pressure up: Mine goes through the roof every time I watch Fox News, which has two die-hard company mottos: "It's our opinion, so it must be true," and "It's a democrat - kill it."

So heed my advice: Turn off the 24/7 news networks and relax a little bit. SARS probably won't get you unless you go to Beijing or Toronto, and if it does, panicking over it before hand won't help.

But be sure and pick up a copy of the Echo next week, when we tell you why your genitals may be in danger of falling off and what you can do to stop it.

See you then.

Time

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 24, 1953 - Over 2000 witness Bishop's consecration. The Most Rev. Joseph Oliver Bowers, S.V.D., a British subject born in the British West Indies, became the first Negro member of the order, the Society of the Divine Word ever to be consecrated a Bishop of the Catholic Church Wednesday, April 22, 1953. The consecration which took place at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, was witnessed by an estimated crowd of 2500. Bishop Bowers, who was once a student at St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, went to the Gold

Coast in British West Africa in 1940 as one of the seminary's first missionaries to foreign fields. Consecrator for the memorable event was His Eminence Frances Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, one of the many notables of the Catholic Church who came from all parts of the United States and overseas to take part.

Hattiesburg, Michael Haas of Bay St. Louis has been elected unopposed as Business Manager of the Student Printz, Mississippi Southern's campus newspaper. The election was held in conjunction with the recent Student Body elections.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 30, 1943 - Lt. Bardie Lee Ramsey of Bay St. Louis is stationed in Paris Island, South Carolina. Prior to being commissioned into the Navy, Dr. Ramsey was engaged in the practice of dentistry in Bay St. Louis.

-Three brothers in serv-

ice. Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Borgages Lakeshore have three sons in service. Corp. Ray J. Borgages is with the United States Army in North Africa. Technician 4/c Wilfred A. Borgages is stationed at Indiantown Gap, PA, and Pvt. Lionel T. Borgages is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado.

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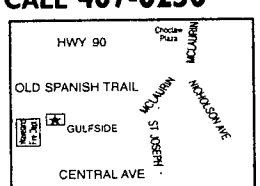
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The Four Tops will bring their special brand of harmonizing to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7 at 9 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95, and \$24.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

The Four Tops have been marveling audiences with their unique blend of pure vocal power and unparalleled harmonies since 1954. They have brought to the American people and the world a sound so singular that it is woven into the fabric of American pop music.

Hits like "Baby, I Need Your Lovin'," "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)" and "Reach Out, I'll Be There" topped the charts

and became anthems of a generation. The Tops were a sensation abroad as well. At a time when the U.S. charts were dominated by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, The Four Tops sat like kings at number one in England. Later came more hits like "Ain't No Woman (Like the One I Got)," "Keeper of the Castle," "Are You Man Enough" and "Am I My Brothers' Keeper?" The Four Tops were stunning audiences with their live performances, sweating their soul on stage proving that their blend of emotional stage persona and unforgettable songs had launched them to the pinnacle of the entertainment world.

In the early 1980's, The Four Tops recorded two albums, showcasing such monster hits as "When She Was My Girl," "Tonight I'm

Gonna Love You All Over" and "I Believe In You and Me." Later, they recorded "Indestructible" which garnered rave reviews.

In 1990, The Tops were inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, and in 1997 were honored with a star on Hollywood Boulevard, adding to their growing list of awards and accolades. Sadly, in June of 1997, one of the Tops, Lawrence Payton, died of liver cancer.

The Four Tops had 44 years together and then there were three. Originally, the three decided to go on and sing and to continue doing what they had started to do years ago - to bring joy to millions through their music. Then along came Theo Peoples (former member of The Temptations) who fit in perfectly, so once

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The cast of "Noises Off!" includes, from left, John Killinger, Brady Bordelon, Edward Duhon, Michelle Kessling, Shannon Jenkins, Mindy Braland, John Anderson, and Lenny Scardino. Seated are Kim Christina-Diecidue and Taylor Corso.

'Noises Off!' at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present "Noises Off!" May 9-11, 16-18 and 23-24 at the John F. Holmes Playhouse.

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Theresa Scardino will direct. Others involved include Larry Clark, assistant director; Scott Darrah, producer; David A. May,

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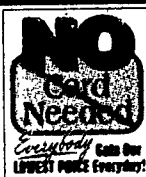
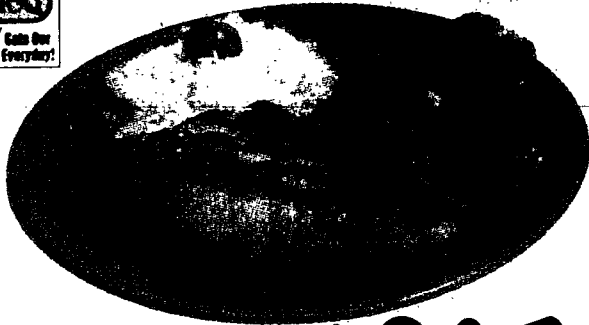
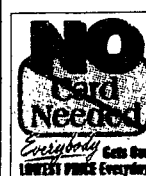
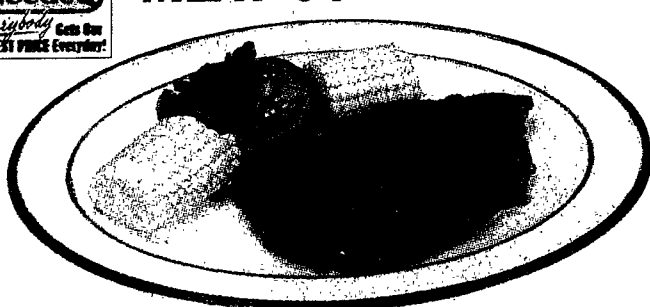
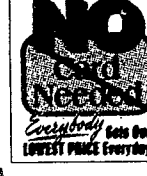
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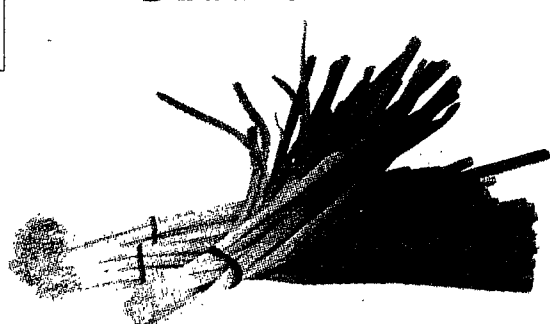
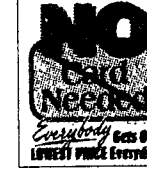
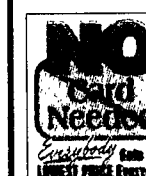
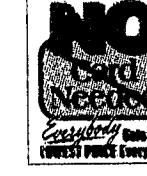
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